

# The Journal

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## North Checking Out



## For Tots

This year's Toys for Tots drive is under way. Locations all around Albany are taking your donation of an unused new toy that will go to needy children. Simply bring your donation to the YIMCA, Albany Ford, Albany Chevy, Albany Medical Center, Dave's Dougout, Hillside School, Mary & Joe's, & Joe's Sporting Goods, Mechanics, Nange Cleaners, Oxford School or the Farm Insurance. Details: Officer Dave Murdo, 525-7300.

## Yams and pancakes

El Cerrito will present a benefit for the El Cerrito Memorial Youth Scholarship Dinner. Holiday Pancake Breakfast and Dinner, Saturday, Dec. 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center 7007 Mooser Lane. Tickets \$5 per person. Toy barrels will be sold by the El Cerrito Fire Department. Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Face painting will be available. Additional charge. Details: Julie Deaton, 255-4371.

## Shakespeare in Albany

The first Shakespearean production by Albany High School's Theatre Ensemble, "Midsummer Night's Dream with a Modern Spin." Shows are on Friday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m., Saturday Dec. 6 at 2 p.m., and Sunday Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Located at 603 Key Route Blvd. Tickets \$5-\$15, ext. 6588.

## Jazz at GGF

Jazz in the Friday nights at Golden Gate Park are again presents its Jazz Blues Series. The event combines the best in jazz and blues with the thrill of live music. Dec. 5 fuses funk, jazz and classic R&B as the Joint Chiefs perform on stage. Dec. 12 brings the jazz of veteran performer John "Jelly" Comer to the rock. The Joint Chiefs Dec. 19. General admission \$5-\$10, Dec. 19. Details: 559-7300.

## TV and diversity

On Tuesday evenings through mid-December, cable channel 26 BVEN, will air "Meanings of the World: Meanings of Culture & Community in West Contra Costa County" from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The series is a community designed TV series. Moderator and El Cerrito resident Eve A. Main interviews people representing over 20 of West County's communities and ethnic groups.

## Holiday bazaar

The Adirondack Community Church and Kensington Senior Activity Center are sponsoring "Holidays Around the World," a holiday luncheon and bazaar on Saturday Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with feature craft works, jewelry, fine white linens, and holiday goods.

## Featuring Albany artists

The Albany Arts Committee will present "The Elements," selected works by Albany artists, in the Foyer Gallery of the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Dec. 12 through Feb. 27. An opening reception will be held Dec. 14 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Details: 524-9283.

## Library benefit raffle

The Exchange Club of Albany-El Cerrito, with the assistance of El Cerrito Community Center and Friends of the El Cerrito Library, is selling tickets for a drawing, to benefit the library. Tickets for the drawing will allow visually impaired patrons to access written materials. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. First prize is a \$100 cash, to be held Dec. 17, is a \$100 cash, second prize is two nights at the El Cerrito Circus, \$100 cash and a \$100 cash, third prize is a Sony Boom Box. Tickets at Chris's Pay Less Plumbing, 1207 10th St., Berkeley, from any Exchange Club member, or call Charlotte Murdo at 525-1276.

## Hill cross stands again

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—As the song goes (or sort of goes): it might go down, but it will get up again, you ain't never going to keep it down. Refusing to bow to vandals, the Albany Lions Club has re-erected its 25-foot Albany Hill cross, welding the landmark to its base so that it might never go down again.

The cross was toppled in late April by an unknown vandal or vandals, who used wire cutters and large wrenches to unbolt it from its concrete base. According to police, the attack was only one of a series that has befallen the cross since it was erected in 1971, although the last attack was by far the most serious.

"They won't be able to take it down again," said Lions Club member Art Longpre. "This time we welded it to the base. They'd have to go up there with a cutting torch to take it apart. It should be pretty secure now."

According to a Lions Club newsletter, the tradition of the cross dates back to the time of early Spanish colonists, who would light

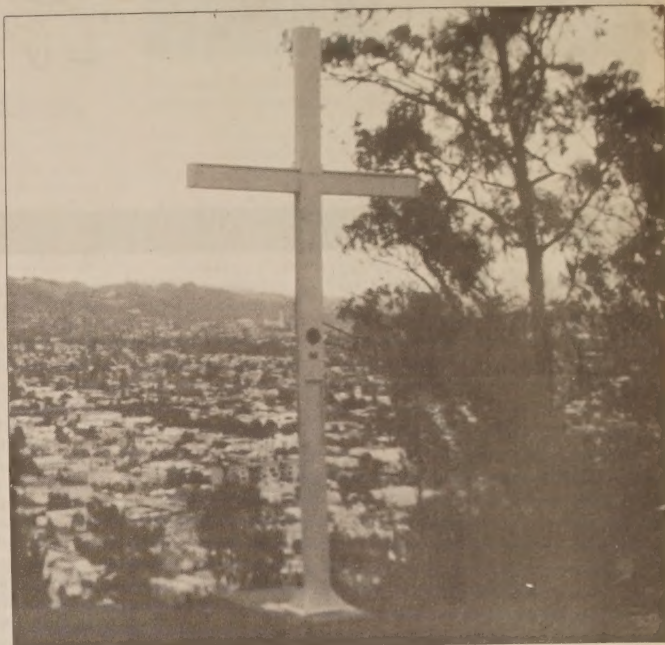
a cross each Easter on what they called "el cerro," the little hill. The tradition was continued and discontinued over the years, and was well-known around the Bay Area in the 1940s, the newsletter says.

In the 1960s, the City Council budgeted \$50 per year to erect and light a wooden cross at Easter, an issue that caused some controversy. Later, the Lions Club took over the cross, erecting the electrically-illuminated, 25-foot, approximately 2,000-lb structure that was felled by vandals in April.

The cross, dedicated to late club member Carl J. Mac Williams, was "pretty badly damaged" following the attack. Longpre told *The Journal* in April. "It took somebody who knew what they were doing" to fell it, Longpre said last week of the fact that the vandals had the proper wrench, as well as wire cutters, to send the cross crashing to the ground.

According to Police Chief Larry Murdo, no suspects have been apprehended, as the

**The cross, which was re-erected at Lions Club expense, should be lit in time for the coming holiday.**



Greg Hugunin

See CROSS on page 16 The landmark cross is upright once again in its spot overlooking Albany.

## Bartke named EC mayor

La Force angry after he's bypassed for post

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — At last Monday's city council meeting, Norma Jellison said her good-byes, November's winners were sworn in as council members and the prize of mayor was snatched away from Norman La Force.

El Cerrito's new mayor is Jane Bartke. Bartke was nominated for mayor by Councilmember Gina Brusatori and was appointed mayor by a 3-2 council vote. After nominating Bartke, Brusatori told the standing room only crowd that she could not support La Force as mayor because he has a tendency to "shoot from the hip" and that she was, "troubled with his style of leadership." Brusatori also said that,

"the style of the presiding officer was an issue in the past election," and that after much soul searching she decided to support Bartke. It seems to be generally believed that Jane Bartke will be a kinder and gentler mayor.

La Force, who had been vice mayor or mayor pro tem for the past year and expected to be elevated to mayor at the evening meeting, was clearly stunned and angered at the vote. He told supporters who had come to the meeting: "I'm sorry you had to see what has happened." He said he had, "fallen victim to backroom deals" and remarked bitterly to Brusatori: "Gina, you and Mark (Friedman) publicly toasted me on election night as the next

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## La Force denounces colleagues' decision

In a phone interview Tuesday afternoon Councilmember Norman LaForce said that for the city's sake he will "try very hard" to work with his colleagues on the city council, but that he considers their move to keep him from being mayor a "knife to the back."

LaForce admits he has said things in the past that could cause umbrage, but added, "I'm sure everyone in the heat of the moment has said things they later regretted." He restated his

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## Council critic Damon on other side of dais

By J.R. Deaton

Arriving in his '76 green Jaguar and a feisty mood, councilmember-elect Larry Damon spoke to about 40 people at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon last week. It was his first public forum speech since being elected to the El Cerrito City Council in early November. Damon was sworn in as a councilmember at this week's council meeting.

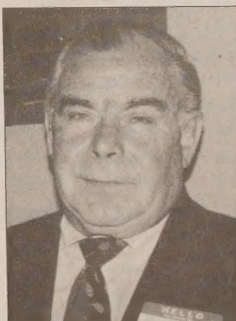
Speaking at the noontime Nov. 24 gathering of business people and others at Little Ange's Restaurant and Tavern on Potrero Avenue just off San Pablo, Damon said of his election: "Somebody asking uncomfortable questions got elected."

Sporting a dark blue business jacket and red silk tie, Damon reiterated his campaign promises that helped him win election. "All candidates are honor bound by their campaign promises," he said. During the fall campaign Damon was pushing an agenda he called "the seven guiding principles for a better El Cerrito." He says these principles are just "common sense" guidelines on

how a city should be run. Indeed, they read as simple precepts and include such advice as, "don't spend more than we have," and "an informed community is an involved community." At the luncheon Damon also restated his stand that when it comes to redevelopment in the city, the focus should be, "to fight blight ... not to dislocate present merchants."

At the decidedly un-redevelped Little Ange's, Damon said his seven principles would continue to guide him for the sake of the city and those who supported him during the election. "I wasn't endorsed by the Sierra Club; I wasn't endorsed by the Democratic Club; I wasn't endorsed by the

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Larry Damon

JR Deaton

## Carpoolers slow to take to new pickup zone

EL CERRITO — The area that became the city's unofficial casual carpool pickup site sort of evolved naturally and casually in the Del Norte area. But getting that site to evolve again by assuming a new, official location is not so simple.

The city is asking casual carpoolers to form at a newly designated loading zone on Eastshore Boulevard, between San Pablo Avenue and the Potrero Avenue on-ramp to the westbound Interstate 80.

The new area was supposed to

go into use this past Monday, but commuters used to their old ways continued to use the former location off Cutting. "It's funny," an El Cerrito police officer said Tuesday. "We've been handing out fliers for two weeks and nobody seems to be paying any attention."

So at the request of the police department and in the interest of public service, *The Journal* is repeating last week's piece on the relocation of the casual car pool area.

## Casual system and new site

"Casual carpools" resulted in recent years from the operation of free carpool lanes at the Bay Bridge toll plaza. Casual carpools are distinct from organized carpools in that new combinations of drivers and passengers are formed each day. Solo drivers need two passengers to use the special lanes at the bridge. Passengers enjoy a free express ride to San Francisco. Usual meeting

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## Neighbors may be up a tree on permit dispute

■ City officials say there is little legal ground to challenge a large backyard treehouse.

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — You can call it a treehouse, or call it a tree "house," or call it a house in a tree, or even a \$100,000 lawsuit. Call it what you will, but one thing seems clear: Judging by the 62-page packet on last week's Planning Commission agenda, a group of Albany neighbors is ready to embark on what can only be called a Tree War.

Having made their case over the last month to officials ranging from the city attorney to the community development director to the City Council, a group of Santa Fe and Ramona avenue residents finally had their day in planning court last week. Or almost. At issue: a 96-square-foot structure Mayor Bob Good has called "just a darn treehouse," although to hear treehouse opponents tell the story, the thing that looks down from their yards is more like a tree Taj Mahal.

Regardless of what you call it,

few would dispute that Santa Fe resident Yair Elor has wrought an impressive feat of arboreal engineering: an A-frame roofed structure, with its own deck, 19-step staircase and gated picket fence, built for his five children in an oak tree at the rear of his yard.

In a batch of letters, some of which bear as many as 16 signatures, neighbors have complained the treehouse violates safety requirements, their privacy and their rights under zoning law. According to city officials, though, the treehouse exists for the most part in an unregulated area, an interpretation that helped swell the planning commission packet with more than a dozen letters from the various persons involved.

Leading the charge is Ramona Avenue resident Glen Elder, who has challenged Planning Manager Gary Patton's interpretations as to the structure's height and zoning status. Point by point (a letter dated Oct. 28 contains 24 separate points), Elder has sought every remedy available, only, to his exasperation, to be turned down again and again.

Elder has asserted the more than

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## Albany massage outlet regulations are revised

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — City residents looking to rub, or get rubbed, for money will now find themselves faced with a less onerous licensing process, as the City Council has unanimously approved an updated massage ordinance.

The ordinance is just part of the city's ongoing effort to update the Municipal Code. Under the ordinance, the massage establishment permitting process is now considered a "land-use" issue, requiring a conditional use permit from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Albany originally adopted its massage ordinance in 1958 in an effort to prevent illegal outcall businesses from operating within the city limits. Among other things, it defines what a "massage technician" is ("any person ... who administers to another person ... a bath, massage, manipulation of the body, electric vibration, magnetic stimu-

lation or similar procedure") and sets forth the procedures under which a license may be issued.

Prior to receiving a license, applicants must now go through three steps: an investigation by the Police Chief, a hearing before the Planning Commission, and acquisition of a standard business license. The chief can deny a permit based on conviction for offenses involving "lewd conduct" or for providing false statement of facts, and can also require fingerprints, a proviso already in the ordinance that resulted in a lawsuit last year when the city revised its regulations on fortune-telling.

While the previous massage ordinance resulted in a number of canceled hearings before the City Council by would-be masseurs — hearings at which, according to City Administrator Daren Fields, the council would have no clear criteria to approve or disapprove a license —

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## ■ Around Town

### How've you been?

By Chris Treadway  
Journal editor

**SO LONG, MOM AND POP?** Independent groceries (and even smaller affiliated markets) have been a dying breed for some time. Happy Grocery in Albany went a few years back. So did the market on lower Central Avenue and the one where Fat Apple's is now (as well as the smaller market that succeeded it in the restaurant's parking lot). Those that survive have found a niche such as produce (Giovanni's and El Cerrito Natural Grocery in El Cerrito and Happy Produce in Albany) or ethnic produce (several outlets along San Pablo Ave.) Blue & Gold Grocery was a mainstay on Shattuck in downtown Berkeley for decades before it relocated to El Cerrito a couple of years ago. It offered delivery service and was convenient to nearby housing complexes, including Hazel Shirley Manor senior residence. But Blue & Gold is closed for good this week after hold 25 and then 50 percent off sales on all its wares and fixtures, leaving another corner empty. The phone is already disconnected ...

**MARKETS, CONTINUED:** Have Farmers' Markets hit a saturation point? El Cerrito's version at the Plaza was such a success that it expanded to two days a week. Albany followed suit a few months ago with its version in the parking lot of the Salvation Army thrift store, but traffic has not been as busy. According to the Solano Avenue Association, market organizer Judy Blue is thinking of moving the market from Sundays (which comes closely on the heels of El Cerrito's Saturday market) to Thursdays come springtime (See the Solano Avenue Association's column on page 8 for more).

**STOP, IN THE NAME OF KIDS:** Parents of students at El Cerrito's Harding Elementary School are continuing lobbying, including circulating petitions, to get the city to station a crossing guard to control traffic at the busy intersection of Ashbury and Fairmount. The principal has been meeting with city and police officials on the matter. The official word, however, is that the city has no funds for such an expenditure, but is willing to provide training if the school can fund its own guard or find a willing volunteer (student crossing guards were discontinued a few years ago when it was determined their safety was in danger as motorists tried to hurry through the stoplight-regulated intersection).

Police Chief Linda Fellers was set to meet with school parents one morning last month, but heavy rains (scapegoat: El Nino) called the chief away to tend to flooding matters around the city.

The city does fund a guard for Madera Elementary, a budget item that predates City Manager Gary Pokorny's arrival here over a decade ago. Pokorny says he imagines that item will be revisited in upcoming budget sessions.

In the meantime, Fellers said morning police

presence on Ashbury has been increased in an effort to increase safety around Harding as well as control traffic around the high school.

**QUIKEE-MART:** Thom Stark may yet get elected, dammit. Thom, an EC council meeting regular and two-time unsuccessful contender for a council seat, is one of 11 candidates for the nine seats up for voting on the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce board. At least the odds are good this time for the work-at-home Internet consultant ... Outgoing EC Mayor Norma Jellison intentionally left quickly after her farewell speech at Monday's meeting, saying later she knew the voting on her successor would be "unpleasant." Jellison says she is "very disappointed" at the decision to choose Jane Bartke over Norman LaForce and reiterated that she's glad to be a former council member ... The clubhouse at Mira Vista Country Club has reopened after several months of extensive renovations (a lot of dry rot, among other things). Among the happy returnees are members of the Rotary Club of El Cerrito, who had been meeting at the Community Center during the interim. Special guest for the Rotary's return to the clubhouse was Sundar Shadi ... Solano Avenue's Toy Exchange has been riding the crest of the *Star Wars* revival, opening an "annex" that sells figurines based on the ultra-popular trilogy. But on the day after Thanksgiving, the biggest shopping day of the year, the annex was closed because heavy rains that week flooded the retail space ... Give Hilltop Shopping Center credit for a strong promotional crew. A messenger arrived at our editorial offices a few weeks ago with a gift bag containing a box of Crayolas and a gift certificate good for art supplies to be given to the school of our choice. Our pick: Fairmont Elementary in El Cerrito ... Anyone who uses the post office at San Pablo by Potrero had to be shocked when the large potholes on the adjoining (Richmond) street were filled in after at least 10 years, by our count. An even bigger surprise came when the smaller but even deeper potholes in the parking lot were filled in last month. Now if the gaps in post office box service could be filled, everything would be great ... If you want to see someone genuinely happy, just saunter over to the El Cerrito branch library on Stockton and ask to see Janet Hildebrand, still on Cloud 9 after volunteers from the local Masons and Rotary, with the help of contributed work from Gate View Painting and donated supplies from Home Depot and other local firms, made sure the library was graffiti-free and new in appearance ... Finally, it was great meeting readers at El Cerrito's Fourth of July celebration, the Solano Stroll and the October Fiesta at the Plaza. Dee Pruyn, stalwart member of the El Cerrito Garden Club, lamented the lack of three-dot columns where she could pass along items such as the catering firm in the Sierra foothills called Donner Parties. Glad to help, Dee. The author of this space wrote a similar contribution for this paper from 1988-91. With your help we can keep it going. Looking forward to hearing from you.

## ■ Letters to the Editor

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### A matter of disinterest?

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors:

Is Contra Costa County not planning for better care of homeless people this winter? Every Bay Area county has opened armories or provided more shelter than Contra Costa County. Are we going to get by with only 60 beds when we have 100? How do the other counties manage to offer more shelter and provide many other needed services? Is it a matter of disinterest in our county or inaction by the staff in securing grants to fund benefits for the homeless?

Jean Siri  
El Cerrito

### Consider someone else as mayor

Editor:  
Councilman Norman LaForce plans to become El Cerrito mayor for 1998. We Americans cannot expect our elected representatives to agree with us, but they must act responsibly. They can make mistakes, but there are actions and words we must not tolerate. Every society has clearly unacceptable false accusations. An obvious one is coded (concealed) "racist," since for many of us racism was a direct and personal life-or-death issue. No politician should be permitted to unfairly use this extreme label. I am known for making strong statements about issues, but am ready at any time to discuss charges I have made. However, repeated public charges of racism by Mr. LaForce against me, and more recently against Sewall Ginternick, make him unacceptable as mayor. Race-baiting pits neighbor against neighbor, as much as racism itself.

Mr. LaForce has had ample time to repudiate his accusations. He has not done so. He was immediately challenged, but never apologized. The council must not bestow the highest city office on someone who persists in making such reckless and abhorrent remarks. El Cerrito faces many critical decisions in the coming year. It must have a mayor who can be a leader in the decision making process, not one who is a source of continued strife. As Jesse Jackson said, "Leadership has a harder job to do than choose sides. It must bring sides together."

The El Cerrito city council may wish to bestow this role on Councilmember Brusatori. She has served the council for over a year, has obtained the largest number of votes in the past election, and can claim to represent the same political factions that have endorsed Mr. LaForce in the past. Choosing her would be a wise decision at this juncture. Choosing Mr. LaForce would be unfortunate. Citizens and council should not be hampered by a mayor who is unacceptable to many residents. I refuse to forget the past. Too many relatives died because of racism. The injury is too deep. Anyone who would knowingly support a race baiter is no better than someone who endorses a racist.

Peter Loubal  
El Cerrito

Editor's note: The above letter was sent before Monday's council vote.

### All we see and have

Editor:  
It's that time of year again — schools are in session. No one should be allowed to graduate who cannot read or write. However, the government seems

to be more concerned for other things. According to Vice President Al Gore, "Every 12-year-old must be able to log onto the Internet." Their pornography is rampant and available to anyone. Is that a better way to waste time than watching television?

"It has atmosphere. It rotates on its axis. We have everything necessary to support life on Mars. So Mars is our future, in a sense, if we're going to live on other planets." — NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration).

"We must find life on some other planet..." is the drive of the evolutionists. The Mars Viking Lander of 1976 found no sign of life. Shouldn't that discovery have been sufficient? Oops! The near \$2 billion Mars Observer in 1992 spun out of control; it decided to explore the universe rather than spin around Mars. Not to worry. The next Mars Lander is being built and is scheduled for launch Jan. 3, 1999. The cost? At this time NASA's Pathfinder has unloaded the Lander-Rover team to find any form of life. \$266 million is all it costs. About the same time the Mars Global Surveyor was in place to start to circle Mars — in about six months will be sending back all the evidence of life that can be found. Only \$254 million. Future missions — scheduled for 1998, 2001, 2003, and 2005 — will be "cheaper, faster and better" they say. On Oct. 15, 1997 Cassini was launched and should arrive at Saturn July 1, 2004 and then orbit four more years. \$3.4 billion. There are other missions not mentioned, such as all the earth orbits, visiting Russia's MIR, etc.

I wonder who pays for all the monitoring equipment and time to read them?

Think of what half that amount could do for schools if they were allowed to tell the truth. These same evolutionists have forced the elimination of God and the Bible from our public schools.

But there is a solution to the problem of freedom of Biblical truth proving that beyond a doubt evolution is impossible. It is found in the words "genetics" and "cells."

This is only a key that opens the door to the truth.

The big question is — How did all we see and are come to life? The power and wisdom evident in all we see are beyond the natural wisdom or power of mankind, much less by chance.

Remember, when the subject comes up, and you have the opportunity, do not mention God or the Bible, just ask — How do you think we have all that we see and have?

James E. Jacobson

### Humanitarian award nominees sought

Editor:  
The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is pleased to invite nominations for "Humanitarian of the Year" to be awarded at the Annual Birthday Commemoration for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The commemoration ceremonies will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1998 in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, 651 Pine St., Martinez at 11 a.m. The annual commemoration and award ceremony is a special event each year recognizing a county citizen whose contributions and accomplishments for others embody the humanitarian spirit of the Rev. Dr. King's life and work. Forms and information are available from the county Community Services Department, 1220 Morello Ave., Suite 101, Martinez, or by calling 313-7350. Nomination forms and required description of the nominee are due no later than 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, 1997 to the Community Services Department, 1220 Morello Avenue, Suite 101, Martinez, 94553-4711.

Phil Batchelor,  
County Administrator

## ■ Meanw

### Fredericks of the

By Josh Butrin

I live for adventure. The mundane routines of life are simply not enough. I have a voracious appetite for adventure. Perhaps it was this year's adventure that led me to shopping mall on the Thanksgiving.

My day began with a turkey omelet for breakfast. I leisurely drove to the parking my car. I entered the entrance of the mall. I made easier by occasion of people who would be of Gatorade and show encouragement as I passed.

I should have known in for a rough day when man with a small box of Sleep Andy dolls brought into the mall by a group of riot gear.

Inside the mall was a crowded and left me with a relative spaciousness of a San Francisco-bound mall.

The entire floor was an ant of people, and I was as much navigational as a spider on a leaf in the river. If not for my military I would have been frozen in panic and undoubtedly been dead.

Soon I saw an opening in the crowd. I lurched and shoved eventually tumbled into the opening to find that it was those small islands in the mall where a third shopping might rest for a few moments on a comfortable couch. The crowd were all empty save a man who looked as if he had come from the ocean along with Burns and the first fish from the sea. We sat silently, moment, two castaways on island in the middle of a sea of people.

"Quite a crowd," I said. I make some friendly comment. He tilted his head slightly and looked up at me with his squinting as if I was a bore. "It's all used up here," he spoke, grabbing me by the collar. "When I was a boy I had to scramble around on purpose just so Santa would give us a lump of coal in stocking! That's how we were freezing to death over the And it was hard to find a bad, with all the shovels in stackin' and cleanin'. All work hard to be bad!"

His breath reeked of tobacco. He spoke his right eye turned deeper shade of grey and in circles. As you might my terror was complete. I had had much experience in dealing with ancient, maniacal psychopaths.

I somehow managed to grip and drive back into the crowd. The last thing I heard was screaming about using up the fodder.

The toy store seemed like a place to shop for a gift for a year-old nephew, but a small of militant grandmothers the entire staff of clerks and were negotiating a deal. Hostages deal with the FBI too disappointed, as my friend had sent me a mail order card from The Cutlery as a Christmas list.

The Disney Store was completely sold out except for a Pluto sports bottle. Someone it was sacrilegious to suck out of Pluto's snout. I did a good hour or two in the back store watching Beauty and the Beast on the big screen. I did during the scary fight scene the Beast almost dies — that always scares me.)

Leaving the Disney Store, I reentered the current and found myself thrown into Fredericks of Hollywood. I saw my Aunt Trudy wandering through the store. My nightmare was complete. It was time to leave the mall.

After seven hours of shopping which included visits to stores and a restaurant called Food on a Stick, I had found than enough adventure for me. I think I'll finish my holiday shopping in a slightly more setting. I hear there is quite a sidewalk shopping on Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley.

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## New on the force

City Clerk Jacqueline Bucholz swears in newly-hired Albany Police Officer John Sandoval at Monday's City Council meeting. Sandoval, one of four officers the department has recently hired, plans to hire, previously spent three years as an officer in the City of Alameda. "The city is going to dramatically benefit from having him here," said Police Chief Larry Murdo. "I think the community will embrace him." In October, the city swore in Officer John Costenbader, followed by Officer Dave Lembi two weeks ago. If all goes as planned, Officer John Geissberger will be sworn in at the City Council meeting on Dec. 15.



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## Vandals trample on Albany's turf

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Embarking on a joyride that will set the Albany Unified School District back a cool \$1,500, a vandal or vandals drove on to Cougar Field last month, cutting deep grooves into the soft, wet, rain-soaked soil.

The incident, for which no suspects have been arrested, took place at some point over the weekend just under three weeks ago, when someone in what appears to have been a small car turned repeated "doughnuts" on the field. Although the incident will set the district back financially, according to Superintendent Dale Hudson, vandalism of school property is relatively rare in Albany.

"Albany's very fortunate that we don't have extensive vandalism," Hudson said. "In Albany, it's not a huge cost. In many districts it's a huge cost."

Discovered by a maintenance worker on a Monday morning, the incident appears to have taken place over the previous weekend, and was perpetrated — judging by the tire tracks — by someone driving a fairly

small car. The driver made a number of passes across the field, tearing into the rain-soaked earth and causing an estimated \$1,500 in damage.

According to Lionel Myles, a school district maintenance worker who said he discovered the incident, the perpetrator may have had a key to the normally inaccessible field in that the gate was locked when he discovered it. Hudson, however, said that might be pure speculation. Hudson, while admitting he too was speculating, said someone else might instead have left the gate open.

"It had to be a small vehicle," Myles said, pointing to the narrow tire tracks left in the grass. The grass will have to be replaced and the field re-leveled, Myles said. Also, Myles, who has worked for the district for six years, said the incident was not nearly as bad as a similar one on the school district's baseball field a few years ago.

"This is nothing compared to that. They did much more damage then," Myles said.

Though the district is unaware of



The vehicle's turns did an estimated \$1,500 in damage to the turf and drainage system on Cougar Field.

who committed the act, if that changes, the driver can expect a bill for damages, Hudson said.

"We have no idea at all (who did it)," he said. "It's just a repair we'll have to make."

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## Police Reports

### Gun toting juvenile burglars caught

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the night of Nov. 23 a woman reported that a man with a handgun was attempting to enter her house through a window. Officers responded and found the man to be a 14-year-old Richmond boy and he indeed had a handgun. He was accompanied by a 15-year-old Albany girl. Both have a history with police. They were arrested and released to their parents with a Notice to Appear.

• On the night of Nov. 23 East Bay Regional Park police reported locating a gold '86 Chevy Spectrum reported stolen from Albany on Nov. 19. The park police had three suspects in custody and the Albany police notified the owner of the car.

• At about 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 24 officers responded to reports of a window breaking and a man seen entering the rear of a duplex on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue. Officers investigated and found a 38-year-old Albany man in the duplex, which he had lost the key for, but he was found to have a "No Bail" warrant from Oakland. He was arrested, cited and transported to the Berkeley jail.

• On the afternoon of Nov. 24

officers responded to Mechanic's Bank on the 800 block of Solano Avenue regarding reports of someone attempting to cash a stolen check. Officers arrested a 26-year-old Richmond woman. She was cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

• On the morning of Nov. 25 the custodian at Albany High School reported that during the night vandals had written in graffiti "El Cerrito High School" on all the windows of the portable classrooms. • At about 3:45 a.m. on Nov. 25 a caller reported observing a large man get into his neighbor's Jeep on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue. The subject was last seen walking south on Kains Avenue and was gone when officers arrived.

• On Nov. 26 a resident on the 1500 block of Francis Street reported that during the night her car, which was parked in front of her house, was broken into. There were no witnesses.

• On Nov. 25 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that during the night thieves broke into her brown '80 Toyota Corolla by throwing a rock through the driver's side window while it was parked in a dirt lot south of

her complex. Several items were stolen from inside.

• On the morning of Nov. 23 a resident on the 600 block of Talbot Avenue reported that thieves stole his bike from his garage while the door was open. He did not see the thieves.

• On the evening of Nov. 28 a resident on the 1100 block of Neilson Street reported that thieves had stolen two bikes from his rear yard within the last hour.

• At about noon on Nov. 30 a resident on the 1500 block of Francis Street reported that her purse had been stolen from her car while it was parked in front of her house. There were no witnesses.

During the week of Nov. 23 officers fingerprinted one person at their request, towed two cars, responded to 22 false alarms, attended to seven lost or deceased animals, assisted four people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to two reports of barking dogs.

In the domestic arena officers intervened in three domestic disputes, 16 civil disturbances and 24 civil assists. Firefighter/paramedics responded to two fire calls and 14 medical emergencies.

### Pair of shoplifters apprehended

By William-Arthur Haynes

EL CERRITO — Two shoplifting arrests were made on Nov. 18 at the San Pablo Ave. Payless. At around 4:10 p.m. a man was stopped for attempting to leave with unpurchased merchandise. Police later found that the man had prior convictions for shoplifting. At 6:31 p.m. that same day another man was apprehended for concealing items he had not paid for. All merchandise was recovered.

• Sometime close to midnight Nov. 28 burglars pried open the rear window of a residence on the 5500 block of Zara Ave. The thief ransacked the occupant's drawers in the master bedroom and got off with a Palmcorder and some money, leaving behind no physical evidence. Police have no leads.

• Mid-morning Nov. 28, two suspects demanded a man open his right front door to his car parked in the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot. The car's owner watched as one suspect "neatly removed" the in-dash stereo then fled the scene.

• An employee of the San Pablo Ave. Target was caught trying to smuggle an unpaid-for VCR out of the store's back door.

• Just after 1:30 p.m. Nov. 11 a

young boy was confronted by two other boys who demanded he turn over his bicycle. When the young boy refused he was knocked to the ground and his bike was taken. The two suspects were later caught by police and identified in a line-up.

• An '87 Oldsmobile Cutlass was reported stolen from a residence on the 300 block of Coronado St. on the afternoon of Nov. '8.

• On Nov. 16 at about 5:20 p.m. a man walked into Big 5 Sporting goods, grabbed four 49er jackets and fled. No arrests were made.

• A man who had purchased some items from Payless was found attempting to leave the store with merchandise not paid for on Nov. 19. Later that evening a man armed with a knife lunged at Payless security guards engaged in a petty theft arrest.

• Just after 11:30 p.m. Nov. 8 a man was arrested on San Pablo Ave. at Schmidt St. for driving his '97 Chevy pick-up while intoxicated.

• A woman was arrested on San Pablo Ave. at Cutting Blvd. for driving her '81 Toyota Tercel while under the influence of alcohol Nov. 22.

• Around 7:15 p.m. Nov. 19 a man reported that sometime between 1 and 7 p.m. someone bur-

glarized his house on the north side of Richmond St. The thief ransacked the residence and took off with \$4,150 worth of items leaving no physical evidence.

• Mid-afternoon on Nov. 21 a woman reported that someone stole her trash can from the back of her home on the 7600 Potrero Ave.

• On Nov. 24 a man reported that his '63 Dodge pick-up was stolen from his home on the 3400 Belmont Ave. sometime between 11 and 12 p.m.

• Early-morning Nov. 21 a woman reported that her '81 Tercel was stolen from her home sometime during the night.

• Nov. 21 a man reported that after giving someone a ride, he was discovered with a stolen \$2,900 was missing under the driver's seat. The man was named but no arrests were made.

• A man was arrested on Nov. 21 when police found his stolen car at home on the 7300 block of Hotchkiss Ave. with injuries to a physical confrontation.

• On Nov. 24 Bank of America reported a suspected withdrawal of the victim's name. The suspect was named but no arrests were made.

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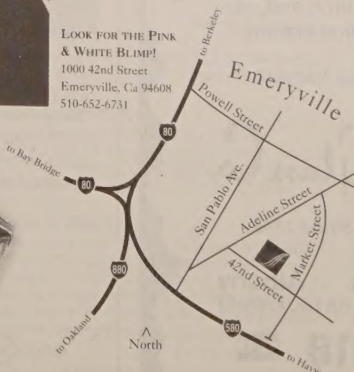
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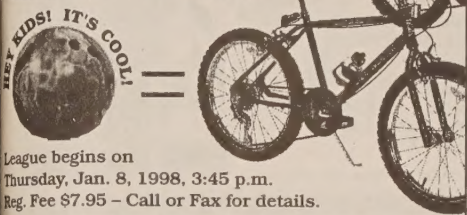


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# West County early intervention program celebrates

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Amid a happy mix of toddlers, deviled eggs, speech therapists and painted faces, the Cameron School Early Intervention Program had an open house Nov. 21 to celebrate its new location and refurbished building.

Last May the West Contra Costa Unified School District's Early Intervention Program moved from Richmond's Hilltop area to El Cerrito and last week the staff were finally ready to show off their new digs. Located on Gladys Avenue between Norvell and Lawrence, the school was originally built in the early 1950s and named for Christina Cameron, a long-time teacher who worked with the handicapped.

An estimated 150 people came to the open house which began in the afternoon and ran until the early evening dedication celebration.

The district's early intervention program works with babies and preschoolers ages birth to 5 years old. The Cameron staff deals mainly with speech and language problems that may hinder a child's early progress. The goal is to nip any problem in the bud and help the child while still very young so he or she won't be at a disadvantage starting kindergarten. The staff includes 15 speech therapists, two psycholo-

gists, two occupational therapists, special education teachers and an audiologist to screen and evaluate for hearing problems. In addition, two pediatricians come in once a week to meet with parents and children.

Both the building and the staff at Cameron seem special. The remodeled facility seems comfortable and capable. After entering through double doors there's a wide, 160-foot long main hall with green and cream-colored walls. A skylight above runs the length of the hall and lets in natural light. You get the feeling of entering an aviary or a well-lit portrait gallery. Offices and therapy rooms and a large play room for the kids branch off from the main hall. Framed prints and fingerpainted masterpieces line the walls. Overhead on the far back wall of the main hall is a large tile mosaic with depictions of rocket ships, tractors, hot air balloons and a Conestoga wagon.

But as parent Joy Deaver pointed out: "You could put the school in a cardboard box and it would still be special because of the people."

Mike Long, whose son Michael, 2-1/2, attends Cameron, said he can't praise the program or the staff enough. Saying it was, "hard to capture my feelings for the school in just a few words," Long called



J.R. Deaton  
Parents and staff gathered in Cameron's wide hall-way, handicapped accessible as part of the school's original 1950s design.

Cameron a great place that has helped his son. Little Michael is bright and intelligent but for some reason wasn't learning to talk. His parents became concerned and the family pediatrician suggested a Cameron School evaluation. Michael comes to the school once a week with Mom in attendance and is doing well and making good progress.

With the smaller kids climbing under chairs and the bigger ones running between them, special edu-

cation teacher Julie Nesnansky concluded the school dedication by singing a song she wrote called the Cameron Rainbow song. While some of the parents' eyes glistened, Nesnansky sang in an at-times quivering but affecting voice.

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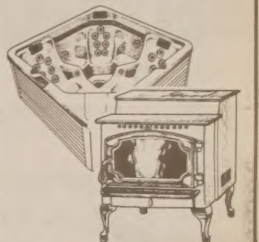
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## Little League waits, worries about its Field of Dreams

"The Albany Little League complex in Albany Village is on some very valuable real estate, and the UC Housing Office has it in its sites (sic). As part of a complex real estate development, it is likely that the land currently used for children playing baseball will be developed for commercial use."

That is what the three men came to talk about. David McGinnis, President of Albany's Little League organization, Bob Smith and Rex Higginbotham were grim about the fate of the field, and are eager to get the word out to the citizens of Albany, about the danger to the future of what has been a long time relationship.

It is not a sudden thing. Everyone has long known that the University wanted to redevelop the Village, to bring it up to date, to make parts of it commercial so that it will pay for itself, and make other changes. It has always promised that when this happened the playing fields, but not only for Little League, but for girls soft ball and soccer as well, would be relocated. Bob Smith showed me

a map wherein the Little League field was relocated, indeed, a small patch of land known as Dowling Park, and bounded on one side by the train tracks. A less ideal place would be hard to find. And the present field? It would become a parking lot in the commercial area of the village.

The present field was not given to the Little League. As noted, they knew that the day would come when the University would make plans that might change the space. But the people of Albany's Little League took unfinished space and made a playing field of it. They did all the work installing the field and maintaining it over the years. "We have spent quite a bit of money on it," they told me.

They acknowledged that "our UC landlord" has a problem: "the student housing in the Albany Village is below standard — in fact, it is an embarrassment to the University." Plans to renovate it have been brewing for nine years, and a design competition for the first phase to replace the oldest units should be available in December. But, their source said, funding is an issue. And to raise

the necessary funds for the project, the UC Housing Office plans to borrow money, sell land, lease village land, and raise the rents paid by students.

The land that UC Housing plans to lease is the land that borders on San Pablo Avenue, and which includes the Albany Little League ball fields and Community Center. The land, known as Dowling Park, is located between the railroad tracks and Albany Village, and bordered on the north by the USDA research facility and on the south by Fielding Field.

"We are committed to providing the land for two ball fields, snack shack, bleachers, and practice areas," said Jackie Bernier, their source at UC. But, say the LL people, the development of the proposed Dowling Park will be complicated. The adequacy of the site (as noted, closed in and bounded on one side by railroad tracks), the adequacy of the space (quite a bit smaller than the present space), the timing of the

proposed phases (what will happen between the first phase which will take the present fields away and the final phase bringing the new field into fruition?) and the financing of field development are four of the most pressing questions.

The cities of Albany and Berkeley have been meeting with the University for months, but with little result. Yes, they told me, the designs are going forward, but no one is really paying any attention to the issues of us.

The Little League program starts in January. The Dowling Park area is located in a flood plain with drainage problems; there is no access to it for motor vehicles and there is no parking. In this proposed remote location utilities and sewage, as well as rest room facilities will have to be added. The answer to all of these problems — if there is an answer to them at all — is money. January, February and March are set-up months, when such things as fixing and repairing and

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



resurfacing are done, so that the actual practicing can be done in March and the playing can begin in April. This is the usual way it is handled. Whether this can be done in the Dowling Park area is questionable.

The gentlemen acknowledged that the plan now is that they won't tear down the San Pablo housing until 1999. But the planning for all of that must be done well in advance, and they maintain that thus far the only planning — using Dowling Park — is inadequate and questionable. Also, McGinnis said, the

University is even now to find somebody to lease the property. If they find somebody early on they might start the phase earlier than now. In the recent vote on the space in Albany, when the citizens voted for opening Albany Hill, they also assured playing fields for Little League, soccer and girls. As a result, the city is now all of this, and is working with the people involved. Berkeley is involved because contiguous property on the

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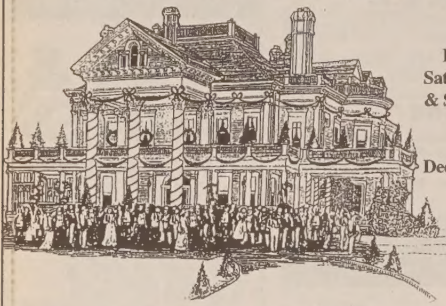
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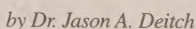
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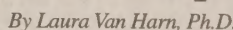
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Students speak out on barriers to educational achievement

The Alliance for Public Education forum, "Breaking Barriers to Educational Achievement," featured powerful presentations by high school student leaders from throughout the district. Students Laimeng Lee (El Cerrito High School) and Robert Khothavong (Richmond High School), presented the results of their original research based on student surveys into why students drop out of school. Their study indicated that over 36 percent of students felt at some point during their time in high school like dropping out with the freshman class feeling the most pressure. Primary reasons cited by students for dropping out were "... teachers and parents didn't care" and that "school was boring."

Student proposals for dealing with the problem included providing teachers with direct evaluations and student feedback. Students also proposed creating student work/self-help groups to help each other with Lee noting that "80 percent of students surveyed said they do not go to their parents for help."

Parents taking a greater interest in student achievement was cited by several students as a key to their success. Delandro Brown of North

Campus High School said, "I would love for my Mom to come walking into my class because I know if she would come I would make her happy."

Brown also addressed the problem of social promotion in district elementary and junior/middle high schools. He said, "I came to high school with a 4th or 5th grade reading level. I was scared (in high school) that any of my teachers would call on me in class and I was too embarrassed to ask for help. RSP (Resource Specialist Program) really helped a lot. In elementary and junior high I was just passed through."

In response to a question from panel moderator Marco Gonzales (Principal, Cesar Chavez Elementary School) regarding the public perception that public education is not doing a good job, students had mixed reactions. Will Hayes of De Anza High School contrasted his short stay in private school with De Anza High School, "... private school was too homogenous but De Anza is the world. The world is all different races being together."

Asked about the qualities of teachers and administrators that they

most respect, students said they respected teachers who were "more like family"; who would "take time after school to help students who need help"; who are "not willing to give up and help students no matter what"; and who are "consistent in what they say." One said, "When I feel a teacher is creative and into what he or she is teaching and putting energy into the class, I feel bad if I don't do the homework."

Asked how adults could help remove barriers to educational achievement, students said, "create a summer school for entering high school students who have been socially promoted"; "lower class size"; "hire more counselors"; "more encouragement in academics from the home"; and "broaden the amount students are empowered on campus."

In doing their survey students Lee and Khothavong were representing the Regional Alliance for Community Empowerment — a project sponsored by the International Institute of the East Bay. The public forum was held Nov. 22 at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School.

A second panel moderated by

### West County School Watch

By Glen Price

Susan Wittenberg, Executive Director of the Ed. Fund, explored successful responses to removing barriers to educational achievement and included panelists from North Campus High School, the Pinole Redevelopment Agency and the Healthy Start program at Peres Elementary. Time permitting, I will write this up for next week's West County School Watch. Fortunately,

See WATCH on page 40

## CITY OF BERKELEY

### Seeking Applications for Appointments to the Advisory Committee for the Southside Plan

The City of Berkeley and the University of California at Berkeley are seeking people interested in being appointed to the Advisory Committee for the Southside Plan.

The Committee will advise City and University staff, the City of Berkeley Planning Commission, and University decision makers on issues concerning preparation of a Southside Plan. The Plan will cover the area bounded by Bancroft Way, Prospect Street, Fulton Street and Parker, and will also look at traffic, transportation and parking impacts in surrounding neighborhoods. The Plan is jointly funded by the University of California and the City of Berkeley, and the members of the Advisory Committee will be selected by both the City and the University.

Those appointed to the Committee are expected to include representatives of major stakeholder groups who live, work, or own property in the Southside itself, as well as residents of surrounding neighborhoods. In order to obtain a balanced composition of the committee, applicants should indicate the reason for their interest in the Southside, including work experience, residence or other factors which could inform the selection process.

Appointment will be for a one-year period, and will involve attendance at evening meetings approximately once a month. Committee members will advise on major issues that require study in the Southside Plan; review proposals for studies by outside consultants and City and University staff; and advise on outreach and public participation in the Plan process.

For further information on the Southside Plan and the Advisory Committee, please call Steve Barton, Senior Planner, at 705-8130 (e-mail: STB1@ci.berkeley.ca.us), or call Dave Fogarty, Associate Management Analyst, at 705-8184 (e-mail: DAF1@ci.berkeley.ca.us).

Those interested in applying for membership on the Advisory Committee for the Southside Plan should drop off, mail, e-mail or fax a resume and/or letter of interest by Wednesday, December 10th to Sherry Kelly, City Clerk, 2180 Milvia, Berkeley, CA 94704 (e-mail: clerk@ci.berkeley.ca.us), (fax 644-8801).

### Albany PTA Council News

By Belinda Lum

#### PTA meetings

- AMS meets tonight at 7 p.m. in the AMS Library. After the half-hour business meeting, the topic will be information for 8th grade parents and students moving up to AHS.
- Cornell meets Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in Cornell multi-use room.

#### School board meetings

- Albany Board of Education meets Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

#### in Cornell multi-use room.

#### Special Interest Meeting

- Instructional Improvement Council meets tonight at 7 p.m. at AHS in room 53.
- Music Boosters meet Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at 908 Polk St. For more information call Pete Hobart, 527-8879.
- AHS Site Council meets Monday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the AHS Library

#### Events/fund-raisers

- Cornell Arts Festival will be held Saturday, Dec. 13.

If there is a school-related event you would like to add/correct here, call Belinda Lum at 528-2429 or email: robertmarshall@sprintmail.com

Special events, newsletters, and much more about AHS and AMS can be accessed at the following web sites:

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## Noted local photographer's works on exhibit at Community Center

Albany resident David Sanger, a member of the American Travel Writers and winner of its Photographer of the Year Award, is showing his work at the Albany Recreation and Community Center 1249 Marin Ave., The Center is open 8:30 a.m.

## Avenue

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most political clout. I noted that property and business taxes, which would support this venture, are the same city-wide. Well, we now have service, as do all of the other areas in Berkeley. The bad news is that the shuttle will turn off Solano at Pe. ralta and not go through Albany. I tried to get it extended and even had funding allocated from Albany but the route would then become too long (or so I was told by the folks at BEST). With funds allocated to mercantile districts for the Holiday season, the shuttle will run on Sundays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. in December also.

### Farmer's Market

Thanks to Judy Blue, we now have a Sunday morning Farmer's Market in the parking lot of the Salvation Army. Judy needs your input because she is thinking of moving it to Thursday afternoons in the spring. She also needs sponsors, restaurant participation in cooking demonstrations and food vendors. Please call her 231-1983.

### Wanted

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to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Sanger works for editorial and corporate clients in the US and Asia including Northwest Airlines and Time-Warner Asia. His images have appeared in the *National Geographic Traveler*.

- New board members for the SAA starting next February. Great way to start your mornings! (second and fourth Wednesdays at 8 a.m.)
- Theme idea for next year's Stroll.

### In The Spotlight

• Ed and Shannon McManus are at it again! In mid-November they will be opening McManus' Cafe and Pub in their old Cafe Crayon at 1309 Solano Ave. Now geared up for a more adult crowd, their menu will focus on delicious homemade soups and salads. You'll also be able to get an espresso, draft beer or wine. Check them out. We are holding the SAA Holiday Mixer there on Thursday, Dec. 4, 5:30-7 p.m.

• Bringing an artistic sense of design to Solano Avenue, Helen Landeman will open Audacity Designs at 1747 Solano in late November. Decorative accessories for interior spaces as well as personal items such as jewelry are her specialty. Welcome her to the community by stopping in.

• Mike Temple and Alan Prico opened their second Vino! store at 1885 Solano this month. Wonderful domestic and several exclusive imported wines can be found on their shelves. Add friendly and helpful service to this mix and we've got great new neighbors.

## Carpool

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points are near BART stations or AC Transit Transbay bus stops. All of this has been a self-generating operation on the part of carpool users, with no assistance or direction from transit operators or state or local governments.

The casual system requires passengers to return to the East Bay on their own, usually by public transit. Only since the BART strike of last September have there been efforts to organize carpool pick-ups in San Francisco. Previously there was a lack of incentive for carpooling in the free, eastbound, direction on the Bay Bridge, although the San Francisco side has some approach ramps reserved for carpools during evening peak hours.

One of the casual carpool sites took root several years ago in the parking lot of a Church's Chicken outlet at the corner of San Pablo Avenue and Cutting Boulevard. The location is at the intersection of two major thoroughfares, next to an AC Transbay stop and across the street from the Del Norte BART Station. The site is between two ramps of I-80, offering easy off and easy return for San Francisco-bound drivers. The Del Norte station is also a connection point for local and regional buses, including busses from Solano and Marin counties.

When there is a balanced supply of drivers and passengers the carpool matches are made smoothly and cars are quickly on the freeway headed toward the bridge. However, at some points in the morning commute hour, which can extend from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m., there tends to be a shortage of passengers, and the over-supply of waiting vehicles

overflows the parking lot and backs up into the street. Until mid-November the line extended into Peerless Avenue, a little-used street behind Church's. As of Nov. 10, Peerless Avenue was closed to traffic. The city abandoned the street in the process of creating a site for a new four-acre shopping center to be built next to the chicken outlet.

The loss of Peerless has meant waiting carpool vehicles now back up into Cutting Boulevard, at a key location connecting I-80 with San Pablo Avenue and BART. At times the back-up has clogged the turn lanes to San Pablo Avenue. The line of waiting cars has made it difficult for other drivers to exit the freeway and for pedestrians to use the cross walks at the intersection. Some drivers have tried to load pas-

sengers in a marked bus zone (and have received stiff fines for violating the vehicle code).

These ongoing problems have prompted the city to become involved, for the first time, in the casual carpool operation. City crews have painted a new white loading zone along the curb of a portion of Eastshore Boulevard, in front of the Foodscio market, around the corner and about 300 yards from Church's.

The new location will allow more room for stacking of vehicles, away from the congestion of the major intersection. Parking will be allowed in the loading zone only after 9 a.m. Southbound vehicles can still exit the freeway at Cutting, pick up passengers and return to the freeway at Potrero. Passengers can still complete their round trips by bus or

BART.

El Cerrito officials distributing announcements about the new location, with pool users, both drivers and passengers. Linda Fellers, the engineering manager in the interest of everyone's safety, suggested the new location. The city also has a carpool operation, but it is not intended to be in competition with the casual carpool operation. The city invites anyone who has information to offer comments and by contacting the Development Department at 4382.

## Damon

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Firefighters," he said. "Nobody endorsed me—nobody except the people who voted for me—the people who elected me." He said the citizens of El Cerrito deserve open and honest government. About the issues facing the city and the business community, Damon posed some questions.

"What is the purpose of redevelopment?" he asked the lunchers. "Shouldn't redevelopment be brought into alignment with market-driven development?" He said the city should promote more sales tax-generating businesses instead of housing. One of his seven principles states that, "high density housing and excessive spending on affordable housing should be curtailed." At the Monday luncheon, Damon

said that housing issues should, "take a backseat for a while."

"What is the basic purpose of city government?" he asked the group. Answering his own question, Damon said the basic purpose of city government is to provide needed services to the people. His principles statement says that during the past five years too many community services have been eliminated or reduced. "We should give basic services their rightful place in our priorities," he told the audience.

Damon also wondered about the redevelopment agency's debt to the city. The agency owes money to the city for use of city staff on agency projects. Damon said that an audit commissioned in June and completed last Nov. 10 shows the agency to be \$1.5

million in debt. The councilmember said the audit, "reflects what I knew about in mid-November. I asked if corrections had been made since last summer's audit. 'If not,' he demanded. 'Damon, the audience: 'Why is information produced in an election?'"

"I am duty bound to answer questions," he said. The 61-year-old father and grandfather of two said he was not a talker but a listener. He is not a Jaguar as a hobby. He is not a glutton for punishment. He is not a member of the newest member of the body he has known

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# El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinernick

## Citizens join department store campaign

A group of interested local citizens last week joined the El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce in a campaign to get a department store to come to this community.

Headed by El Cerrito resident Kathie Perka, the ad-hoc group began collecting signatures on two separate petitions — one to be sent to the Department Stores and the other to Gottschalks Department Stores.

"The undersigned," both groups declare, "respectfully request you seriously consider opening a store in El Cerrito. The El Cerrito community and its surrounding neighbor cities want a store locally in a store such as

would be a win-win situation for all concerned. The community gains a retail shopping experience and Dillard's (Gottschalks) moves into the area. We are signing to let you know that we want you here."

Perka reported that initial response to the petition has been "extremely good."

"We've had nothing but positive responses," she said. "People regard this effort as being important they can do for their community."

While a lot of people are pitching in and helping to get these petitions in the mail to the department stores by Dec. 15 — "we're going to need all the help we can get."

Students wishing to sign one of these petitions may do

so by stopping by the Chamber Of Commerce office at 10848 San Pablo Ave. Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Also available at the Chamber office during those hours will be blank petition forms for those wishing to circulate them throughout their neighborhood.

The citizen petition drive follows closely on the heels of an announcement late last month that the Chamber Of Commerce's Executive Board had sent a letter to Dillard Department Stores pointing out in the strongest terms that El Cerrito "would be an ideal place" for that firm to consider as a store location.

"Thanks to El Cerrito's central location and easy access via a local freeway," the Chamber wrote, "it would be easy for a Dillard Store in El Cerrito to build a loyal customer base from the cities of El Cerrito, Albany, Kensington, the Berkeley hills, and the other mid-range communities of West Contra Costa County who presently feel they are being underserved."

In its letter, the Chamber told the head of the Dillard chain that ever since Federated bought the Emporium chain and closed its local store the people of El Cerrito and its neighboring communities have made it clear they want another department store.

The Chamber Executive Committee pointed out the 32-acre El Cerrito Plaza Shopping Center is embarking on a revitalization program aimed at

upgrading present building structures, building new stores and attracting a more synergistic mix of retail tenants.

We are certain, the Chamber went on, that the owners of the Plaza would be "anxious to talk with you in regard to building a space for your store."

The Chamber letter went on to point out that, in locating here, Dillard's would be getting:

1. Several solid, middle class communities just crying for a good mid-level department store.
2. Location in a shopping center with exciting revitalization plans, plenty of free parking, easy freeway access and a rapid transit station nearby.
3. A landlord that would be able to accommodate Dillard's specifications.
4. A city where everyone — from top to bottom — wants to see such a store succeed.

"It's a retailer's dream come true," the Chamber letter concluded.

For additional information concerning the petition drive call the Chamber office at 233-7040.

### Holiday Champagne Luncheon

Members of the El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce and their guests are invited to attend our annual Christmas Champagne Luncheon on Friday, Dec. 19, at the Masonic Center on Stockton at Norvell. The event will get underway at noon with a social hour followed by lunch and the Chamber's final business meeting of the year — which will include

an announcement of the results of the Board of Directors election and voting for the new Executive Board.

Following the short business session an opportunity drawing will be held for prizes donated by the business community. Any member wishing to donate a prize for this drawing is asked to let the Chamber staff know by telephoning 233-7040.

Reservations at \$10 per person are required and must be made by contacting the Chamber office before the close of business on Tuesday, Dec. 16.

### Replacement directors

Two members of the local business community were named to the El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce's Board Of Directors to fill a pair of vacancies created by shifts in business assignments.

Replacing Immediate Past President Pat Malailula on the Board will be Bill Morrow, manager of the Mechanics Bank branch at Fairmount and San Pablo avenues. Yolanda Stenmark, manager of California Federal Bank's El Cerrito Plaza branch takes over the seat formerly held by Past Chamber President Vera Boyovich.

Meanwhile, ballots covering the election of nine new directors for the 1998-99 terms will be sent out soon to all current members of the Chamber, who are being asked to send their marked ballots back as soon as possible.

The 11 candidates for the nine vacant seats include:

Sil Addiego, Locators Realty; Rena Bruton, Bank of the West; Will Chun, Mailboxes, Etc.; Marcia Conwill, Tradeway



DISPLAYING GREAT TECHNIQUE Councilmembers Gina Brusatori, Mark Friedman, Jane Bartke and Chamber Of Commerce President June Boblitt blow out the candles on two cakes during the celebration of the city of El Cerrito's 80th birthday at the recent Second Annual October Fiesta as El Cerrito Historical Society member Art Schroeder watches.

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### Benefit breakfast and toy drive

A Holiday Pancake Breakfast and Toy Drive will be open to the public this Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center.

This event is being sponsored by the city's Community Services Division as a benefit for the David Hunter Memorial Youth

### Scholarship Fund.

The breakfast will be prepared and served by a volunteer staff. Tickets, at \$5 per person, may be purchased at the Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, or may be charged by telephoning 215-4371

Those attending may, if they wish, bring a new unwrapped toy with them to be placed in special barrels provided by the El Cerrito Fire Department, who will distribute the toys to needy children at Christmas.

### Mixer hosts lauded

The Chamber this week officially praised Total Health Chiropractic of 10533 San Pablo Ave. for making the final mixer See CHAMBER, on page 40

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## On The Snowline

By Charlie Coane

Several years ago you could find a very small selection of skis or boots made just for women, but not that many. Times have changed. No longer are ski manufacturers just cranking out white or pink graphics to attract women.

Now you can find lots of different skis designed specifically for women. Yes, shaped skis are big for women, maybe even more so than for men.

The super sidecut skis make it easier to learn how to carve, especially for beginner and intermediate skiers. Shaped skis are lighter and shorter than conventional skis, two features which make them a definite plus for women.

Skis designed for women tend to be lighter than unisex skis

anyway, and with a softer flex pattern.

Some brands even recommend a forward mounting position for the bindings on women's skis — putting a women's body position a little further forward to make initiating a turn a bit easier. And more and more companies are hiring female testers and consultants to simply find out what works best for women.

Boots, too, have come a long way for women. The inner boot on most models has been designed for a woman's foot for quite a while.

Now most models modify the upper shell to accommodate a woman's calf area. Yes, that means that generally women have a bigger lower calf than men, and brands also have a heel lift to give women a higher angle over the skis. It's all an effort to help women put more forward pressure on the boot to help turn the skis more easily. It's a counter to the fact that

because of a women's hip position, they tend to sit too far back on skis.

Look for further advances in female-specific products in the very near future.

## Northstar Celebrates 25th Anniversary Season

Northstar-at-Tahoe opened for the 1997-98 ski and snowboard season Saturday, November 22. Northstar first opened for skiing December 22, 1979, making the 1997-98 season Northstar's 25th Anniversary Season. Many celebrations are planned throughout the season at the Lake Tahoe resort including parties, donations and 1972-style fun.

The 25th day of January,

February and March will be designated 25th Anniversary Days at Northstar. From the sale of each adult lift ticket on those days, \$2.50 will be donated to a nonprofit organization. Additional celebrations will take place including food and beverage specials, live music throughout the day and surprises for skiers and snowboarders on the 25th days of these three months. And, the first 250 people to board the gondola on Jan. 25, Feb. 25 and Mar. 25 will receive a special 25th Anniversary gift.

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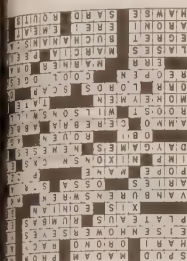
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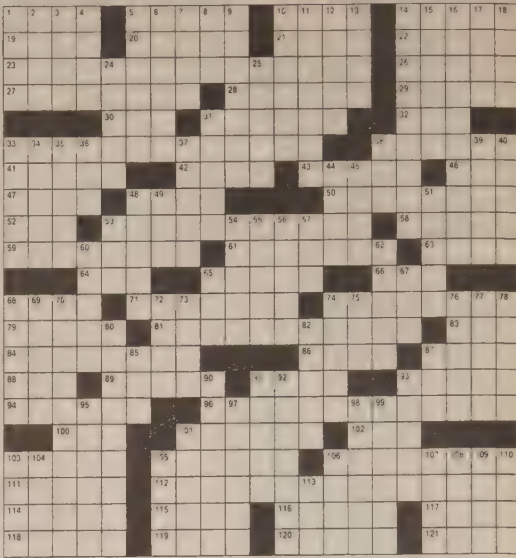
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■ Martin Snapp

**Remembering Ron:** I remember the first time I saw Ron Dellums. It was 1969, during the bloody, bitter aftermath of People's Park, when it seemed that all possibilities of working within the system had been shut down.

After one particularly frustrating City Council meeting, several of us protesters were milling disconsolately about the old City Hall on Martin Luther King (back when it was still called Grove Street). Some were angrily muttering about fighting fire with fire.

Then a tall, elegant, immaculately-dressed black man stood on a chair and started talking to the crowd. He said we shouldn't give up hope, that we should pick ourselves up and try again, and again, and again. And there was something in the way he said it that made us believe him.

It was Dellums, of course. And in the months to come, he provided us with the perfect vehicle for that re-involvement: his own campaign to unseat the incumbent congressman, Jeffrey Cohelan.

Almost single-handedly, Ron Dellums resurrected the left in Berkeley and set it on a responsible course that has lasted a whole generation. If he did nothing else, he'll go down in history for that.

But he did do other things, of course. He's the man who killed the B-1 bomber, and the man who did the most to change the U.S. government's shameful support of apartheid in South Africa.

Not for nothing did his colleague, Rep. John Conyers, call him "the conscience of the Congress."

On the other hand, he was also a royal pain in the rear, especially for reporters who tried to cover him. Let me give you an example. Remember the anti-apartheid demonstrations at Cal about eight or nine years ago, with the mock shantytowns on campus in imitation of the shantytowns in Soweto?

The cops busted them up pretty brutally, with a lot of gratuitous club-swinging. I got a tip that one of the protesters was Dellums' daughter Piper, who was a sophomore at Cal. According to my sources, she called her father back in Washington and said, "Daddy, you've got to get out here! They're beating people up!"

Dellums took the next flight out here and stalked into the Chancellor's office, where they went eyeball-to-eyeball. And it was the chancellor who blinked. The next day, the cops were much better behaved. It was clear that the order had come down from on high to knock off the violence.

Pretty heroic on Dellums' part, don't you think? At least, that's the way I saw it. And I wrote about it accordingly. It was as close to a valentine as I've ever sent a politician.

Imagine my shock the next day when Dellums' office called to demand a retraction.

Was I mad? I called his right-hand man, Lee Halterman, and said, "If this is the way you treat people who say nice things about you, no wonder leftists are such losers!"

Weeks later, I found out why Dellums had gotten so pushed out of shape. It turns out he had put in a voucher for reimbursement back in Washington, claiming he was flying out here on official business. And he was afraid that if someone back there read my column (fat chance!), they'd realize he was here on personal business and make him pay for the plane ticket himself.

And that's the dual nature of Ron Dellums. The man who stood up for Nelson Mandela decades before it became fashionable is the same man who got caught kiting hundreds of checks in the House banking scandal.

The man who so passionately fought to end the Vietnam war is the same man who, when he finally became Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, turned strangely apathetic and ineffective when it came to protecting local victims of military base closures.

There have been so many times when I've wanted to say, "Will the real Ron Dellums please stand up?"

But hey, who among us is without sin? Despite his problems with the press, he always won his elections in a landslide — a pretty good indication that his constituents thought he accurately represented their wishes. Unlike most of his peers, he is leaving office as popular as when he entered it.

I have a feeling that in a few years his shortcomings are going to seem like small potatoes, stacked up against his accomplishments. His name is going to be on a lot of public buildings around here, and deservedly so.

Speaking of public buildings, there's a move afoot to rename Washington National Airport after Ronald Reagan.

A few eyebrows were raised at this, considering that Reagan fired all the air traffic controllers. But I say why not?

In the same spirit, we could have the Richard Nixon Justice Department; the James Watt Environmental Protection Agency; the Bill Clinton/Gary Hart/Clarence Thomas/John F. Kennedy Center for Sexual Ethics; the Strom Thurmond Civil Rights Building; the Ted Kennedy/Charlton Heston/Jesse Helms Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco Agency; and "O.J.'s Place," a shelter for battered women.

Not to mention Ellis Island, the place where most of America's immigrants came ashore, which we could rename after Pete Wilson.

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## Mayor

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mayor." He accused Brusatori of wheeling and dealing him out of the mayor's chair so that she could become mayor next year. About half of the nearly 100 people in the room applauded as La Force ended his remarks by saying he would, "be back next week to do the city's business," and quickly rose and left the chambers.

Council members Jane Bartke, Gina Brusatori and Larry Damon voted for Bartke as mayor; in addition to his own vote, La Force won Friedman's. The councilmembers take turns serving as mayor, the position rotates each December.

With four councilmembers re-

maining, Bartke began her duties as mayor and Brusatori was elected and sworn in as mayor pro tem. Mayor Bartke told the crowd: "Let's move forward from here on out." In a talk after the meeting, Bartke said she hopes and expects the new council will be able to put aside its differences and work together for the good of the city. Noting that she teaches junior high, Bartke added: "Maybe teachers are good facilitators."

Also after the meeting, Councilmember Brusatori said her vote for Bartke was not meant to be personal against La Force. "It was meant to put the community and the people of the community first," she

said. She later added her remarks were, "something that needed to be said."

Also at Monday's meeting Norma Jellison ended eight years of service to the city. The outgoing mayor and councilmember told the crowd she was, "truly grateful and thankful" to the people of El Cerrito for their trust in her. She was given a wall mounted brass thermometer and barometer as a parting gift from the citizens of El Cerrito and she told the crowd: "Now I'll know when the storms are coming." She received a standing ovation from the audience as she left the council chambers before the new councilmembers were sworn in.

## Denounce

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belief that he was not elevated to mayor because of a deal worked out by Jane Bartke and not because of his alleged poor leadership skills.

He said that Councilmember (and new mayor) Bartke called him Monday morning and told him she had spent the week-end making calls to the other council members. "She didn't mince words," he said. "She told me — 'I've got a deal and I've got the votes.'"

LaForce said the charges that he is abrasive and a poor leader is a smokescreen to obscure the political

ambitions of others. "Gina Brusatori told me that she wants to be mayor next year and Mark Friedman has said he wants to be mayor after that," he said. Friedman became Chair of the city's Redevelopment Agency at Monday's meeting and LaForce said Friedman plans to be mayor pro tem in 1999 and then become mayor in the year 2000.

No matter how things shake out, it's clear the council's "era of contentiousness" may not have ended with last November's election.

—J.R. Deaton

## Tree

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20-foot-high structure should be treated as a second story addition, which would in turn trigger a design review hearing where neighbors could make their concerns known. He has appealed the city's decisions and been denied on the basis that the appeal period for the July, 1996 building permit has long since passed. He has brought up sections 20-3.4.c.6, 29-10.2.a.3 and 10-1.b of the Albany Municipal Code, the first of which states that the maximum height for an accessory building — which is exempt from design review — shall be no more than 12 feet.

According to Patton, though, the building is less than 12 feet high under the law, as it is attached not to the ground, but to a tree. That interpretation, along with others, triggered an all-out campaign to bring the treehouse down, and treehouse opponents are not the only one who feel they are being wronged.

Stairway to litigation?

Though Patton has said the treehouse is, for the most part, a legal building, he did rule after inspecting it last month that its staircase is not, and said Elor's building permit is expired. That, in turn, led to a Nov. 14 letter from Elor himself, who accused the city of yielding to "political pressure," and threatened to file a lawsuit for harassment, mistreatment, damages and legal fees to the tune of \$100,000.

After appearances by treehouse opponents at both council and planning commission meetings over the last month or so, the issue finally got its hearing last week as a discussion item (read: no actions may be taken) on the planning commission's agenda. According to a letter to the commission from City Attorney Robert Zween, although Elor has failed to reapply for his building permit and to submit plans to alter the stairway, if the stairway issue is dealt with, it would leave commissioners with no planning decisions to make.

At the meeting, Patton reaffirmed his previous decisions, saying the issue of the building permit has been turned over to the city attorney's office and that the stairway needs to go. "I think at this point, the remaining issues we have are with the stairway," Patton said. "The zoning code doesn't talk about treehouses. Clearly, the stairway needs a permit, but I think it's arguable the treehouse does."

Elder kicked off arguments for the anti-treehouse camp, challenging the structure's height and Patton's interpretations thereof. "It seems to me that this interpretation is in effect an amendment to the zoning ordinance," Elder said, urging the commission to take the matter into its own hands.

Elder was not alone. Theresa Martin challenged another aspect of zoning law that states a building visible from the street must undergo design review, while another resident, whose yard borders Elor's, said the treehouse has resulted in a loss of privacy.

Ian Ball, who wrote on Oct. 28, "I find it rather confusing that my position becomes that of trying to protect my city from ill-advised

actions and decisions of Gary Patton, City of Albany Planning Manager," brought up the safety of the structure. Caroline Lehman, who lives next to Elor, said, "I would simply like to say that I think this is something that got a little bit out of hand. This structure got larger than it should be. It is very large."

Neighborhood conflict

Elor himself, however, would have none of it. "I didn't come to discuss the treehouse. It's just a treehouse," he said.

What he did come to discuss, he said, was "what we are," and the "telescopic lenses" he said his neighbors have used to photograph his treehouse. Seemingly deeply pained to have so many persons band together against him, Elor brought to the issue of them going behind his back to city officials instead of coming to him (Elder said after the meeting that some neighbors did complain to Elor, but to no avail), and again brought up the "harassment" and "political pressure" he feels he is now enduring.

"I'd like us to think really deeply about what we're doing to each other," said Elor, adding that strangers have been peeping into his yard to get a glimpse of the treehouse, but that others have contacted him to voice their support. "Whose privacy is being violated here?" he asked, saying assertions that the treehouse would be used as a third bedroom were unfounded. "We don't need to live in the tree. We're not monkeys."

Elor was armed with a hefty batch of papers brought to support his decision, while his neighbors likewise had their paperwork, as well as large illustrations designed to bolster their case. The only thing missing, it seemed, was for someone to step forward and, in a voice wracked with emotion, say, "Why can't we all just get along?"

Seeking peace talks

Commission Chair Michael Feiner filled the role.

"It kind of bothers me to see a neighborhood of people who live next door to each other and are completely unable to discuss this," Feiner said, steering the debate away from the dozens of technical assertions made thus far.

"I personally don't feel like it should be the position of this commission to engage that at this point," Feiner said, an opinion reiterated by commissioners Phil Wheeler and Steven Brokken. Instead of coming to the city in search of a legal stick to wield, Feiner advised those present to contact a mediator from the Berkeley Dispute Resolution Service and seek a solution that might be agreeable to all.

Both Elder and Elor attempted again to address the commission, but were promptly cut off with admonitions that they work the problem out on their own.

"Go talk to your neighbor and see if you can work it out, and forget about codes and sections," Feiner said.

Talking in the City Hall lobby after the meeting, Elor said he would be willing to contact a mediator, but also that, if his neighbors wanted the treehouse down, they would have to share the labor and construction costs.

struction costs.

"I'm always willing to talk and work things out," Elor said, calling opinions about the treehouse a matter of taste and adding that he is "very serious" about the threatened lawsuit against the city.

"If I'm damaged, there will be a place for a lawsuit," he said.

Meanwhile, in the City Council chambers, Feiner continued his attempts to find a win-win solution. "The bottom line of all of it is, what is it I want?" Feiner asked Elor's neighbors, who likewise lingered after the meeting. Also, Feiner said, treehouse opponents could be heading into a zoning battle they might not win. Both Elder and Lehman said they too would be willing to talk.

"I'm quite willing, and I think all of the neighbors are willing to sit down," Elder said. And, though he still questions the city's position regarding the treehouse ("It just doesn't seem to me that's the way to run the city," he said), a somewhat less formal meeting — which might or might not produce a solution — should be held in the next few weeks.

## Cross

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cross is located in an isolated area and there were no witnesses to the attack.

"It's not the kind of scene that yields itself to a great deal of forensic evidence," Murdo said.

Since it was rebuilt, at least one person expressed their feelings toward the cross, planting a well-defined kiss, marked with red lipstick, on the plexiglass some seven feet up on the structure. According to Longpre, the cross, which is illuminated at Christmas and Easter, should be lit in time for the coming holiday. It was re-erected at Lions Club expense.

Also, a rededication ceremony is in the works for this month, Longpre said.

## Massage

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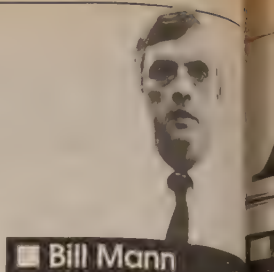
things will, under the new ordinance, be different.

"We're trying to treat them the same as any other business. That's really it," Fields said.

Council discussion of the ordinance was brief. At the first reading, held two weeks ago, Mayor Bob Good, who supported fingerprinting fortune tellers, expressed some concern in the wake of the lawsuit filed against the city by the Association for Astrological Networking last year. Councilmember Jon Ely pointed out that the city might already have outcall masseurs operating without a license, and said the new ordinance wouldn't effect them at all.

"This isn't to say they're all going to come in," Fields said, prior to the 5-0 vote. Council members passed the second reading with almost no discussion and the same, unanimous vote.

Massage establishments will only be allowed on Solano and San Pablo avenues, and permits will not be transferable. Also, licensed physicians, chiropractors and acupuncturists will be exempt.



■ Bill Mann

**Most Fascinating — Or Most Annoying?** Bill Maher and Barbara "Call Me I'm Famous" Maher have more in common than you may think. Their production staffs — have a real annoying and obnoxious people: "Most Fascinating" or "Most Annoying" — one jerk on the panel of four to ruin it on KGO at 12:05 a.m. after "Nightline" pens far more often than it should, Maher looking chagrined. It might be won't let others talk, or someone who up on the soapbox with a tedious (and political agenda, or a panelist who annoys).

Some of those who quickly come to mind are: novelist Eric Jong, ax-grinding Moore, and not-the-least-funnyman Chevy Chase. Tiresome bores all the time, percent of the time, there's someone like panel. Which is a shame, because on can be a lively and fun show. Walters, meanwhile, seems to be confusing "fascinating," as she did this week with "Most Fascinating" ABC un-special come to mind with the likes of Elton Lee Gifford, but "fascinating" surely is And "overexposed" is far more descriptive comic Ellen DeGeneris, another of Babs. Speaking of her, David Letterman some Republicans charge that the ton National Cemetery mini-affair — one plot over and over. You know, like does.

**MULTIMEDIA NOTES:** Some East Area independent book publishers gave The New York Times this week. The success story of the bookbiz right now, and Julie Bennett's Berkeley-based West Press (its "Girlfriends" has sold \$800,000). Kiran S. Rana's Hunter House in Alameda Pleasure Prescription" was a NYT bestseller singled out by the Times as singular success was Emeryville's increasingly powerful Group West. PGW is now the largest books from independent publishing company U.S. It's nice to know books still matter in this country ... Speaking of writers, the humorist Jean Shepherd's "A Christmas best holiday movie ever made, hands-down whimsical reminiscence of one of the best Christmases in gritty Hammond, Indiana, overflows with wit and charm. It's on TNT morning at the hard-to-remember time of set your VCR. If you forget, the other TNT, will air "Story" a dozen or so Christmas Eve ... Save-your-money dept. movie better forgotten. I've never participated of British physical comic Rowan Atkinson film at my wife's behest. But seeing him down his act for an American teenage bit as painful to watch as it is lucrative. And, yes, I've seen his "Blackadder" work on PBS for years...

Speaking of Blimey, as we just went last week in excerpting that scathing review of the Beeb's "Tom Jones," "Kaw good name, that" reader/anglophile Gem me some BBC excerpts. Grand National — Mick Fitzgerald, elated: "Sex is an art that!" BBC announcer Desmond Lynam gave that horse a wonderful ride, even Another BBC (Radio 4) interviewer on an accident asked an eyewitness: "So, did your train crashed into which train first?" "No, they both ran into each other at the you've heard or seen much BBC, you know exchange is all too common ...

Watch for Howard Stern's internet morning show to finally be simulcast on Live-105 in S.F. (along with San Jose soon); this move has been rumored for months one co-worker about KTVU morning Rhonda Bentley, "She must spend half outside the station chain-smoking." Hey, just checking the current atmospheric conditions while we're on the grounds of that Ojai guess what the station's two resident dorks by Channel 2's news staff? What else ... Elaine ... Thanks to KPFX for the Hills Tuesday morning: During Juliette Goodman from DeLauer's newsstand in downtown Montclair was clearly visible on the rack I only mention this because we took a report from France last week; she obviously feelings...

I suspect even Lena Horne's most embarrassing when they see those Gipsy with the bespectacled Horne singing a song "Winter Wonderland." That part is of commercial's closing "tag" when Horne the Gap" that's painful. Hope that's not opened to La Lena's career ... Pressed for money? Do you like TV mysteries, especially the mystery? Don't miss ABC's "Tales From The Sons of The Pharaoh" at 10 Monday nights after the football game. Hugh Downs was of the Kings in Egypt, where archaeologists has spent the last decade unearthing KV-6 and most complex tomb ever found at the mysteries just keep unravelling. Since the biblical Pharaoh Ramses buried his 100-plus one of those interred in KV-5's oldest tomb Bible says was struck down by God on the Moses? And if his mummy is found, we'll it show signs of a lightning bolt through. Weeks has re-written history with his We don't often mention things Biblical when comes to mind about why the Christian should accept the Ten Commandments: Because tablet form ... Finally, CBS' Letterman septuplets: "That wasn't a delivery — that ment."



# Arts & Letters

## East Bay Events



Kamau Amen-Ra

### Local jazz favorites at Mister E's

Trumpeter and Berkeley High School alum Robbie Kwock (above) will perform tonight with special guest Pete Escovedo at Mister E's Jazz Club, 2284 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley. Shows at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. will celebrate the release of the jazz quintet's new CD, *Sixth Sense*. Details: 848-2009.

### Fiesta Navidad

Fiesta Navidad, a program by Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano Ballet Folklorico Ollin of the music, dance and theatrics of Mexico's regional December fiestas, is Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall (Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue). Featured will be the Fiesta de la Posada, reenacting Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem, and mariachi versions of traditional Christmas carols in an audience sing-a-long. A Cal Performances presentation. Admission: \$14 to \$26. Details: 642-9988.

### Messiah Sing

David Milnes conducts the 17th annual Messiah Sing on Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. Sing selections from Handel's "Messiah" with students, soloists, University Symphony Orchestra members and the audience. Bring your own score. Cost is \$10 to participate. Proceeds benefit students in UC Berkeley's Young Musicians Program. Hertz Hall, College Avenue and Bancroft Way. Details: 642-9988.



The BOBS

### The BOBS are back in town

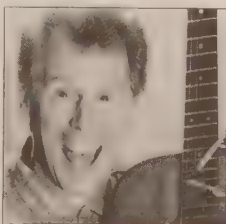
The BOBS celebrate the release of "i brow club" with an appearance at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2642 College Ave. in Berkeley on Dec. 5, 8 p.m. This Grammy nominated a cappella ensemble brings its outrageous and original material along with new BOB, Lori, to Berkeley for a one-of-a-kind concert event. Hear selections from the new "i brow club," previews from *THE BOBS Sing the History of Vocal Music*, old favorites (ie: "There's A Nose Ring In My Soup," "The Boy Carrioca," "Hey Coach, Don't Call Me A Queer," "The Waiting Game"), and maybe even some holiday tunes. Details: Willows Box Office, 798-1387.

### Programs at Tilden

Upcoming programs at Tilden Regional Park (no cost unless noted): "Day's End at the Farm," Dec. 6, 4 p.m. Help serve dinner to the animals and learn the basics of their care. Meet at the Little Farm. "Natural Holiday Decorations," Dec. 6 and Dec. 13, noon. Create garlands and other holiday decorations using natural materials. Bring your own hand clippers and lunch. For age 8 and up. Registration required. Cost is \$44 general; \$39 seniors and children age 13 to 18; \$22, \$32 and \$38, available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall and at 642-9988 to charge by phone; all BASS outlets, and at the door.

### Gary Lapow at Albany

The Buddy Club presents Bay Area favorite Gary Lapow with songs for children, featuring tunes from his new album "Strong, Smart and Free," Saturday, Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Main Ave., Albany. A show of inventive fun for the whole family. Admission: \$6 general; free age 2 and under. Details: 524-9283.



Gary Lapow

### Larmore at Zellerbach

"Nothing short of transfixing," says the San Francisco Chronicle of opera star Jennifer Larmore. The American mezzo-soprano's first recital at Zellerbach Hall with a program of works by Handel, Purcell, Copland and many others is at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10. Tickets: \$22, \$32 and \$38, available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall and at 642-9988 to charge by phone; all BASS outlets, and at the door.

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## Turning Henry James into melodrama

'The Heiress' by Ruth and Augustus Goetz after Henry James, directed by David Wheeler, at Berkeley Repertory Theatre through Jan. 2. By Don McConnell

Surely few novels are less suited to being turned into plays than those of Henry James. The great strength (or weakness, depending on your taste) of the books are the endless and anguished internal reflections.

So going into *The Heiress*, I had some doubts. I imagined the heroine delivering a series of delicately neurotic monologues as she twists a handkerchief. Far from it; the Goetzes' adaptation of Washington Square comes off like a 19th-century melodrama.

It is never pretended that the dramatists tried to stay as close as possible to the novel. The Rep's "fact sheet" states that *The Heiress* was "suggested by the Henry James novel," and Janelle Reinelt's essay in the program points out that changes to the book have been made not only because they are "dramaturgically necessary" but because the events of the plot would be viewed differently at different times in history.

There are three historical perspectives to sift through. Reinelt notes that James wrote in 1881 about events set in



Anne Torsiglieri plays Catherine Sloper and Ken Ruta plays Dr. Austin Sloper in the Tony Award-winning classic 'The Heiress', staged at Berkeley Rep through Jan. 2. Ken Friedman

1855. The Goetzes' play opened on Broadway in 1947 (and two years later became a movie with Olivia de Havilland and Montgomery Clift). Finally, we're watching the play 50 years later.

Whichever time lapse is to blame, there is no question that we're looking at a museum piece. Nothing wrong with that; in fact, the fusty melodramatics

are the principal charm of the evening. What's startling, though, is how alien that stage action is to the spirit of Henry James.

Catherine Sloper is the introverted only daughter and only heir of the wealthy Dr. Austin Sloper. Through her cousin, she is introduced to a young man, Morris Townsend, who from the very first moment

seems intent on marrying her, despite her plainness and inability to carry on normal conversation.

Dr. Sloper assumes Townsend is a fortune hunter and lets him know that Catherine will probably not inherit the doctor's immense fortune. Instantly Townsend's plans change, and he fails to show

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## 'I Can't Cope' can't match its inspiration

Black Rep season opener has strong individual efforts.

"I Can't Cope," through Dec. 14, at the Black Repertory Group Theatre, 3201 Adeline St. in Berkeley. Tickets are \$3 to \$12. Details: 652-2120.

By Wanda Sabir

Black Repertory Group opens its 33rd anniversary season with "A Tribute The Black Male In The Arts." The first production is Shawn Vaughn Scott's "I Can't Cope," inspired by Vinnette Carroll's play, "Don't Bother Me I Can't Cope." It's an interesting coincidence that another black theater company, The Lorraine

Hansberry in San Francisco, has opened its '97-98 season with a Vinnette Carroll musical, "Your Arms Too Short To Box With God." Both shows close Dec. 14.

Sean Vaughn Scott's attempt at playwriting is of minimal success in the comedy/musical "I Can't Cope," based so loosely on Carroll's piece of a similar name that if Black Rep had to pay for the rights to her play they should be given a refund. Only two scenes out of a total of 31, "Barber Shop" and "Beauty Shop," bear any resemblance to Vinnette Carroll's production, which is really too bad since those two are actually high points in the Sean Vaughn Scott production. Vaughn-Scott's "I Can't Cope" tackles such issues as business ownership, underemployment, inter-religious

courtship, gang violence, and black love. Perhaps "I Can't Cope's" difficulties lie in its unwieldy subject matter, or maybe Vaughn-Scott is just trying to do too much in the space of one play.

Whatever the problem is, after two hours the audience is scratching its collective head wondering aloud, "So what was that all about?" Vaughn-Scott needs to take advantage of Black Rep's "New Arts Series," where works-in-progress are critiqued on Sunday evenings in front of a live audience.

Playwrights are allowed the chance to work on a piece for four weeks, polishing it for a possible mainstage debut.

"I Can't Cope's" song and dance numbers are quite good, especially when all of the cast is present. (I've seen the show

twice.) Saturday afternoon, Herrill Siller's Jake, was very funny and had a marvelous singing voice. His wife, Ann, actress Sharron Jones-Reid, and mother-in-law, actress Phylliss Carr-Williams were funny as well, yet even they couldn't save the show.

The BRG season, which goes through June 14, includes something for every palate — a little music, a little drama, some dark humor. August Wilson's "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," opens in January, followed by Langston Hughes' "Limitations of Life," Zora Neale Hurston's "Spunk," Amiri Baraka's "The Dutchman," and Ishmael Reeds' "Gethsemane Park."

The season finale is Ossie Davis' "Purlie."

## 'Dear Master' returns to the Aurora Theater

*Dear Master* at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., through Dec. 14 with performances at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets, priced from \$18-25, may be reserved by calling 843-4822.

By Carol Egan

There is doubtless any theatre company with as definitive a signature work as the Aurora Theatre with its *Dear Master*. Conceived 12 years ago during a conversation between Berkeley novelist Dorothy Bryant and actress Barbara Oliver, the play is still going strong and has just returned to the Aurora as that company's second production of the season.

In 1985, listening to Oliver complain about the lack of interesting roles available to her, Bryant, who had long cherished a series of letters between George Sand and Gustave Flaubert, offered to attempt putting these together to create a reading Oliver could do with another actor. The resulting *Dear Master* marked the beginning of Bryant's playwriting career. The author of 10 novels, including the 1987

American Book Award winner, *Confessions of Madame Psyche*, Bryant's second play, *The Panel*, was produced by the Aurora in the 1995-96 season, and her latest work, *Posing for Gauguin*, receives its premiere at the Aurora in May.

In 1991 *Dear Master* served as the premiere work for the Aurora Theatre Company. Armed with a small grant from the Skaggs Foundation, Oliver recruited several talented designers, rented a small room in the Berkeley City Club and, together with fellow actor Ken Grantham, launched the Aurora Theatre on its way. At the time it seemed more a piece d'occasion than a play, offering a meaty role for a nearly 60-year-old actress who was tired of playing "nannies and grannies." The play and theatre have come a long way since then. *Dear Master* alone won three Bay Area Critics Circle and two Drama-Logue Awards, and received glowing reviews at the 1994 Edinburgh Festival. It has been performed throughout California and in several other states.

Now, six years later, *Dear Master* has returned to the same small stage at the Berkeley City



Owen Murphy and Barbara Oliver portray Gustave Flaubert and George Sand in 'Dear Master' by Dorothy Bryant.

Club. In place of Grantham, Owen Murphy plays Flaubert. Oliver once again assumes the role of Sand, and the original director, Richard Rossi, remains in charge.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about *Dear Master* is that it works as well as it does. The idea of creating an evening's entertainment out of excerpts from a 13-year correspondence between two writers would probably not have occurred to a playwright. But Bryant, being not only a novelist, but a fervent

admirer of both French writers, has managed to instill humor, passion, and remorse into two characters whose lives and beliefs were in almost total opposition.

Nearly 1-1/2 hours in length, the one-act play takes place on a simple set depicting the two writers' work spaces, and has no change of costume. Liting Chopin piano pieces are interspersed throughout, marking changes of season, year, or frame of mind. Entrances and exits are restricted. See AURORA on page 20



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## Dishing the Dish with The Maven

Oh, when will they recognize Richard Wing? When it's too late probably. When he's dead and gone. When will they realize that he's the guy – not Wolfgang Puck, not Bruce Cost, not Ken Horn, not Barbara Tropp, not even Paul Bocuse – who created East-West cooking.

It was Richard Wing, a little-known chef in the middle of the Central Valley – in Hanford of all places – as early as 1957, who began to offer what he called "Gourmet" dinners at his family's Chinese restaurant, the Imperial Dynasty.

These were and still are, eight course feasts which featured dishes such as a rich, double consomme of pheasant, or escargots whose pasta shells are filled with cashew butter sauce, or lobster upon lobster – two species of the crustacean separated by a single flash-fried shiso leaf. Wow!

The Maven, who has been to the Dynasty about a half-dozen times over the past 20 years, spoke to Wing a couple of days ago. He's still doing it, but he's 76 now, tired and riddled with illness. There are no children to take over the restaurant, which boasts nearly 20,000 bottles of wine in one of the greatest wine cellars in the country.

Forty years ago, Wing began creating what we have come to know as *Chinoise* cooking, or "fusion" or Pacific Rim cooking – Chinese cooking technique combined with European dishes and ingredients – long before Puck ever stepped foot in this country.

The Maven is afraid that the Dynasty and Wing don't have much time left in their miraculous run of fabulous food. The Maven urges you to get down to Hanford some weekend soon. Take Amtrak, stay at the Irwin Street Inn and experience one of the country's true masters of *Chinoise* cuisine. Tell chef The Maven sent you. He and

you will love it. Dinners, which take four to five hours, with a leisurely stroll through the restaurant to see the priceless Chinese artifacts, costs \$60 (exclusive of wine) and worth it.

Stephen Singer's Cesar is set to open next month in the spot long occupied by Bing Lee Cleaners, which is next door to the fabled Chez Panisse. Singer, a wine

salesperson and who is Mr. Panisse (Alice Waters is his wife), along with Chez's biz manager, Chez's maitre d' and one of their former chefs, will be involved.

Cesar sounds as if it'll be sort of a *cervezana*, styled after Spain's wonderful beer-tapas bars, which will serve the national passion of Spain – Serrano-like hams – as well as garlicky mussels and cheeses. The Maven so loved these informal joints when visiting Spain. In Madrid, some of these resemble sushi bars with the little plates set out around the bar in glass-enclosed cases. Can't wait for Cesar. Now, if they'll only serve churros with thick, hot chocolate.

Here's Walker's Pie Shop's menu for the coming week: Thursday – roast lamb, Friday – salmon with black bean salsa or sole, Saturday – pork chops with orange-apple sauce, Sunday – beef Stroganoff, Tuesday – chicken saute sec, Wednesday – salmon en papillote. Dinners prices are \$13-14. Call 525-4647 for rezies.

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## Russian 'melodiya' quartet performing in Kensington

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This ensemble is comprised of long-standing members of the San Francisco Opera Orchestra and their music is known for its colorful, literate style, and exacting technical precision. The four members of the Melodiya Ensemble are all from Russia. They trained in the finest music schools there and have performed extensively in Russia, Europe and the United States. The first violinist, Adolf Bruk, conducted the Bolshoi Chamber Orchestra and Chorus for 15 years in Moscow. He is joined by his wife, Inga Bruk, a graduate of the Moscow Conservatory of Music. The harpist, Olga Rakitchenkov and her violinist husband, Sergey Rakitchenkov, both attended the Gnesin School for musically gifted children. The Arlington Community Church choir will be joined by the harpist in a rendition of Randall Thompson's choral work, "The Lord is My Shepherd," a composition to the words of the 23rd Psalm that has comforted and inspired people for centuries.

## Heiress

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up for the planned elopement.

Then the doctor dies, and Townsend reappears, and again arranges an elopement. The outcome of that provides the play its one bit of suspense (although not to anyone familiar with James).

All of this is prime Henry James material—indeed, the fate of monied or undermonied young ladies is almost his only subject. Seeing what results when such a plot is stripped of nuance spotlights James' novelistic technique.

Still, there's room for a lot more nuance in the play, and in the production. There is never the slightest doubt (until the final scenes) about the course of events or the characters' motives. Does Catherine need to be so graceless, so lacking in appeal other than her money? Does her father need to be so unimaginative in his dealing with the situation?

All of that said, the play is an generally entertaining one to watch. Since the subject matter and time period are close to those of Wilde, it comes as a surprise that the dialogue is seldom witty; but the action is so clear and it moves forward so naturally that it holds its own rather mindless interest.

Ken Ruta is superb as Dr. Sloper. He dominates the stage just as he does his daughter, and I can't recall a better representation of the heavy Victorian father. Katherine Conklin is nearly as compelling in the smaller role of Catherine's aunt; again the stereotype is well captured. Joy Carlin is also fine in the much smaller role of Catherine's other aunt.

Anne Torsiglieri is less successful as Catherine. She succeeds at showing us a young woman with a good mind but whose personality is so awkward and withdrawn that it almost suggests an emotional or physical handicap. She's only that way around strangers (i.e., around Townsend). So although the audience can find her attractive, it's obvious that Townsend's adoration-at-first-sight is phony. That by itself makes most of the rest of the action foreseeable.

Robert Parsons' Townsend is convincing in the first act, less so when he returns after leaving Catherine. Very rare for a Berkeley Rep production, there were moments where both Torsiglieri and Parsons seemed amateurish, in the scene where Townsend tries to regain Catherine's love.

In addition to Ruta, the production's other triumph is the single stage set — part of an elegant drawing room constructed in such a way that it seems larger than the space it occupies, and which indicates Dr. Sloper's financial position before a word is spoken.

The Heiress is not a successful adaptation of James; nor is it even a first-rate play. It is a mildly satisfying evening of theater.

The Heiress plays Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., with matinees on some Thursdays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$34.50 to \$45. Call 845-4700 for tickets.

## Another Phoenix up from the ashes

By Valerie Herr

If you are looking for a good shot in the arm, a strong dose of community feel-good medicine, you should come hear the Winter Concert of the Berkeley High School Orchestra, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the Schwimley Little Theater, at 1920 Allston Way.

There has been almost a decade of lean years for the orchestra. By 1990 student enrollment in orchestra had fallen so far that the administration found it easy to discontinue the program entirely. In 1993 an embryo workshop was put together by two Berkeley High Alumni, Eliza O'Malley and Cecile Graburn who, returning from the music-rich environment of Oberlin College, made a valiant new start with a handful of ninth graders who certainly had a lot to learn.

Yet when I stopped by at 8 15 a.m. one morning last week I found a large gathering of good humored youngsters, 57 musicians with their conductor, Karen Wells, putting the finishing touches to a concert program that includes Mozart and Tchaikovsky, yet which also includes several modern selections.

So what is the source of all this energy and the funds that have been made available to appoint Ms Wells? Two years of financial support came from the Berke-



The orchestra after its chamber music concert last May.

ley High School Development Group, in addition to the political clout needed to make sure that the Arts get proper recognition and space in the school timetable. But that is only part of the story. As is so often the case, we can identify a small group of devoted parents who have been critical to this success, music lovers and novices alike, who want the orchestra to flourish, want

the orchestral experience to be available.

This Winter Concert promises to be a joyous and rewarding event. Admission is free. Join us and be witness to the superb good energies of our young musicians.

### Sacred and Profane

The Sacred and Profane Chamber Chorus presents "Of a Rose Singe We," a program of 20th century choral music in celebration of Mary and her child, 16th and 17th century Iberian music and Hugo Distler's choral motet "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming." Dec. 7, 4 p.m. and Dec. 12, 8 p.m.; St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Admission: \$14 general; \$11 seniors and students. Details: 524-3611.

## Events

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### Guitar and Strings

The Kensington Symphony Orchestra presents Jean Sibelius' "Guitar and Strings by Mendelssohn" on Saturday, Dec. 13, at the First Baptist Church, 1000 Sonoma St. in Richmond. Tickets also includes Beethoven's "Symphony No. 6" and "Concertante in E-flat" by Tchaikovsky. Tickets, available at the \$8, general admission, \$6, children under 12, free. 525-4796.

### Arts Festival

The Richmond Arts Festival presents Holiday Arts Festival to benefit youth exhibition and Art Reach Project on Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. plenty of free parking at the 2540 Barrett Ave., Civic Plaza. Details: 620-6772.

### Richmond Chorus

The 86-year-old Richmond Chorus, a German community choir, invite you to join them in the holiday season at the Christmas concert and dance on Saturday at the Sportsmen's Club, 1000 Glenn Ave., San Pablo. The will perform traditional carols and songs. A German will be served from 6-7:30 p.m. desserts and will be available. The Karaoke Band will provide dance music from 9 p.m. to midnight. Advance tickets in advance, \$10 at the door is \$8. For ticket information, Marie Hoffmann, 370-6663.

## Aurora

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to the beginning and end of the play.

Instead of action there are lively dialogues on subjects from politics to family, feminism to the meaning of true love. Since the actors never meet face-to-face during the course of the piece, Bryant has devised a way to alternate their self-absorbed writings from monologues to conversation across the space separating them.

Barbara Oliver as Sand is firm and decisive, yet tender and with a gentle heart. Murphy's Flaubert is a combination of bluster and vulnerability. Even as he rails in anger over some critic's remarks, there is a fearfulness, an uncertainty in his demeanor. Though often disagreeing with Sand, he nevertheless nicknames her his "Dear Master." These very different personalities reinforce Sand's argument that there is really only one sex — that there is often

confusion between style of behavior and sexual preference. Her explanations of how and why she took to wearing men's trousers, and how she enjoyed the resulting freedom it gave her, does much to demystify the many rumors and "bad press" which still surrounds her.

On the other hand, Flaubert's role of introspective misanthrope, living most of his adult life at home with an aging mother, is also clarified in the course of the play. We learn that his apathy has a specific physical basis, both in the history of epileptic fits suffered in his youth and his ongoing struggle with a sexually transmitted disease. In many ways the production enriches our understanding not only of these two historical figures but of the political, cultural, and economic life of their time in France.

Oliver and Murphy bring to life

a time we can never know. Their rich descriptions of the cities and countryside, gardens and homes, paint an extraordinarily vivid picture of 19th century France. Only on a rare occasion do we remember that these are, in fact, two actors playing their roles.

For those who prefer their theatre filled with action and effects, this is not recommended viewing. Relying as it does on words and ideas, *Dear Master* has set the standard for all subsequent Aurora productions. For this we must be thankful, first and foremost, to Barbara Oliver and Dorothy Bryant.

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## Albany's girls out of NorCals

It's over. The ending wasn't quite the one the Cougars had hoped for, but nonetheless an ending it was.

Albany's girls volleyball team's quest for a state championship concluded this past Saturday when they were defeated by San Joaquin's Colfax High in the semifinal of the Division 4 NorCal playoffs. The Cougars went down, 3-15, 4-15, 15-8, 15-9.

It was still a magnificent run for the Cougars (27-7), who had the type of year most teams only dream about. In addition to going undefeated in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League, the Cougars didn't drop a single game, and haven't done so in the last five years. The Cougars won the North Coast Section, and were looking to make a serious run at the state title.

Last year's team with Lindsay Kagawa (now at Stanford), worked its way to the semifinal round of state before falling to St. Francis (Mountain View), so the loss to Colfax must have come as a bit of a shock to the Cougars. But even before Saturday's loss, telltale signs of weakness were starting to appear in Albany's performances.

The Cougars struggled in the opening game of their last win

against San Francisco's Thurgood Marshall losing, 14-16, before sweeping the next three games. At one point, the Cougars led that first game, 10-0, before allowing Marshall to come back.

In the NCS title match prior to that, the Cougars got their butts kicked by Campolindo in the first two games before pulling out a comeback win of epic proportions to the tune of 10-15, 13-5, 15-8, 15-6, 15-9.

In both matches, the problem was apparent: psychologically, the Cougars were having trouble getting up for each match.

Coach Konrad Ott addressed this problem after the Marshall win and admitted it was a concern of his.

"When you're a high-seed (No. 1) and you're expected to win, every team that plays you has nothing to lose, whatsoever," he explained. "They just play with reckless abandon and could care less what happens."

"So consequently," Ott continued, "we have to come prepared to move our feet and go for every ball, every single match. And that's hard when you play in like 38 matches a year. I told my team that at this stage there's only four teams left now in Northern California and if you don't come to play in the very beginning it's going to be a short night."

—Jelani Harper



File '97 Jeff Lindquist  
Berkeley  
middle  
blocker Emma  
Batten-Bowman had  
injured her  
wrist in a club  
practice after  
the Analy loss.

## Jackets ousted, wave flag anyway

By Jelani Harper

They were a team with nothing to lose, but last Tuesday it did lose anyway.

That was the day Berkeley's girl's volleyball team ended their season with a first-round loss in the NorCal Division 1 playoffs.

Second-seeded Archbishop Mitty beat them, 15-2, 15-1, 15-0, but the seventh-seeded Jackets were the confirmed underdogs.

Not just because of the seeding. The game was played in San Jose at Mitty's home gym. To make matters worse, the Jackets had injuries to two key players. Middle blocker Emma Batten-Bowman had injured her wrist following the Analy loss in a club practice, and setter Stephanie Carabas was battling a cold.

However, the game will be a mere footnote in Yellowjackets history, because they had already realized their season's goal three days earlier.

It was the Saturday before that the Jackets were awarded their long anticipated pennant for taking second in the North Coast Section behind a better Analy

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# Here come the 1998 Lady Yellowjackets

## Can Berkeley girls win state once again this year?

By Jelani Harper

It's hard to find competition when you're the best.

It certainly looks that way for Berkeley's girls basketball team, which ran away with the state championship last year. The Yellowjackets barely broke a sweat winning their first couple of preseason games this year, so they are traveling to Sacramento this weekend to find some real competition.

They should get just that at the Capital City Classic, a tournament which features top teams from up and down the state including Chino, Peninsula (from Palos Verdes) and St. Francis (Mountain View). The Jackets might get a tough test against Santa Barbara.

"We're looking to win every game," exclaimed Jackets coach Gene Nakamura. "That's the type of focus that we have. As long as we play hard every game, I think we're going to take a heck of a team and beat us. Mainly because we have a lot of depth. Our team is 12 deep."

Indeed Berkeley does have a lot of depth, as a glance at the team's roster indicates, despite the loss of all-state player Shavaki Jackson who graduated and will play for Cal next season.

Junior Coriel Davis is a third-

year starter at point guard, and sophomore Aisha Hollans was voted all-league last year at power forward. Erica McGlaston is a promising sophomore transfer from St. Joseph and senior Allison Nowak is much improved at the other forward.

Though the Jackets have a relatively young roster that includes only three juniors, the majority of Nakamura's squad is not lacking in experience.

"The mainstay of our team are sophomores and juniors so we're very young," he explained. "But though they're young they are experienced because basically they were with us last year when we won the state championship. So they know what it takes to win, and they're very focused."

The Jackets sure haven't had any problem winning during the first three games of this season; they beat Washington, Oakland High and Lowell by margins of 30

points or more.

In Monday's most recent game against Lowell, the Jackets were up, 46-19, at the half.

From there, the Jackets' energy level noticeably decreased. Their full-court press, which caused Lowell havoc and many turnovers in the first half, dropped back to normal depth.

"I don't like to run up the score," explained Nakamura. "I don't want to do that to the other team. I've been run up before so, you get 30 points up and you just go back to half-court. From there the game's over."

When asked how this year's team compares to last year's state champion, Nakamura replied, "We're quicker this year, man-for-man. For this early in the season, I think the players are very focused, and they go out and have fun and play hard. So far, they've been able to read each other very well, which always helps."

So, is another state championship in the Jacket's future? Could be.

They'll most likely win North Coast, and from there it's anybody's guess. This weekend's tournament in Sacramento should be a gauge to see how the Jackets match up against real competition.

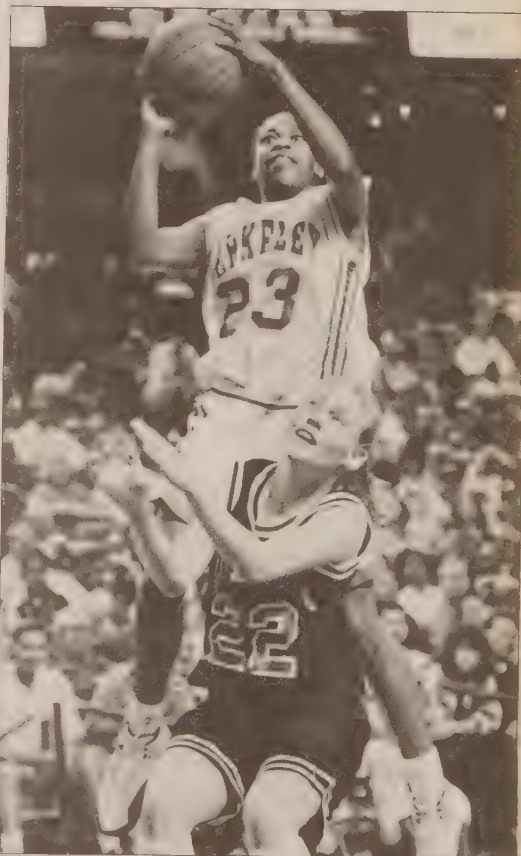
**'We're looking to win every game. That's the type of focus that we have ... I think it's going to take a heck of a team to beat us.'**

—GENE NAKAMURA, BERKELEY COACH

"We just try to take things game-by-game," Nakamura said. "We have a goal, and our goal for the season is to be in position to win another state championship."

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Aisha Hollans, No. 23 right, is one of the top players in the state; while point guard Coriel Davis will again try to lead Jackets to state title.



## SM's boys: Young, gifted, and very small

By Jeff Sepulveda

If it does nothing else this season, the St. Mary's boys' basketball team promises to be entertaining. Coach Jose Caraballo's team is quick, athletic and skilled. But, with only one starter returning, there will most certainly be growing pains. Sophomore guard Billy Heide is the lone returning starter from last year's 16-13, Alameda-Contra Costa League co-champions. This year another soph, Kellen Dixon, will see considerable action at forward.

Other key contributors for the Panthers will be seniors Duane Jones, Aaron Rothschild, and Gibran Duhe, and junior Marlin Kelley—a standout on SM's 1997 ACCAL co-champion football team.

Point guard Rothschild and shooting guard Heide are on the small side, but they have plenty of

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Billy Heide is St. Mary's lone returning starter this season.

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## EC's Lady Gauchos: no experience or depth

By Jeff Sepulveda

While basketball season has just begun, it promises to be another long year for El Cerrito girl's basketball fans. But future success may not be far off. While the Lady Gauchos return just one starter from last season, there are plenty of hard-charging underclassmen waiting to make their mark in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League.

The lone senior and returnee from last year's EC squad which finished well back in the ACCAL pack is point guard Raina Dyer.

She is joined in the backcourt by promising freshman Tyeisha Brown. Forwards Dinah Belvin, Lucy Tullis and Maisha Amie round out the starting five.

While the team's youth and inexperience figure to give fourth-year EC coach Donna Wood a headache or two, she sees promise for future results.

"Last year, we had trouble with a lot of players having attitudes," said Wood. "We had a lot of players

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# Circus' Bears need him to point way

Cal now relying on EC's King at point guard spot

By Scott Strain

To say that Raymond "Circus" King is indispensable to the Cal basketball team right now, is putting it mildly.

King, the local hero in El Cerrito High basketball history, was expected to sit on the bench at the start and gradually increase his playing time as the season wore on. Learn by sitting, the Ben Braun way.

No way. With Thomas Kilgore and Geno Carlisle not eligible to play until Dec. 22, Cal is a little short of scholarship players. The Bears have seven, to be exact. So King, a 5-10 sophomore guard, is the top reserve off the bench and getting more and more playing time. Hampered by a bad back that knocked him out of three weeks of practice, King played 17 minutes in the opener against North Carolina on Nov. 22 after only one day of solid work.

Right now, King is backing up 6-6 Michael Gill at the point, but Gill, Braun says, is more comfortable at shooting guard or at the small forward spot. So that leaves King and not much else.

How valuable is the former Gauchos star? Cal (0-3) is so desperately thin at guard that when King wears down, the Bears flounder on offense. He scored seven points in Cal's 59-50 loss to USF Tuesday night, but scoring was not the problem.

"We knew if we kept pressur-

ing them and pressuring them, they would crack," USF coach Phil Mathews was quoted as saying about Cal. "We wanted to wear them down. They had only had seven scholarship players and only one point guard and I think we wore down Raymond."

"He has improved," Braun said about King. "He is getting others involved in the offense and becoming a factor on defense. He is one of the few players we have that can put pressure on the ball. His decision-making is also improved. He still has some things to learn—he leaves his feet when he passes and we're working on that. The only time he should leave his feet is when he is shooting."

King threw a scare into the Bears when he woke up one morning about a month ago with a sore back. It didn't get better and it was finally diagnosed as a herniated disc. The only cure was rest and therapy, and it knocked King out of three weeks of practices—practices in which the short-handed Bears desperately needed

him.

"I just woke one day and said man, this hurts," King said. "The problem was that I had a little back injury a couple of times this year and with the disc, it just added up and added up until this happened."

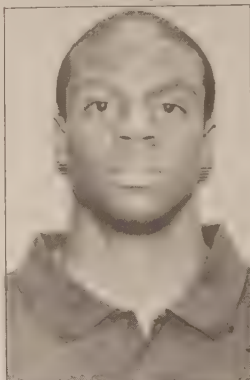
Meanwhile, the Cal brain trust didn't know what was going to happen to King. Braun's thoughts ran the gauntlet of having King play against North Carolina, to perhaps missing him for a significant number of games. Back injuries are like that. But King played against the Tarheels and so far, so good.

"He still has a little soreness," Braun said before

Tuesday's game.

King began his college career at San Diego State, starting 28 of 29 games. He averaged 7.7 points a game and led the Aztecs in assists 17 times. He had done everything SDSU wanted him to, but he wanted the Pac-10.

"I wanted to play in the Pac-10 for exposure," he said. "Cal is a great university, it's near my home and my family. My mom and my brother are here. I wanted to see



Raymond "Circus" King

my brother grow up (Jeremiah, nicknamed "Carnival"). And I wanted to play in front of a home crowd.

"I was recruited by Cal, I was recruited by everybody. They (the Bears) didn't have any scholarships. I could have walked on, but at San Diego State there was an opportunity to jump in and play. So I took it."

King is smart enough to make the transition. An honor student at

**'He (King) has improved. He is getting others involved in the offense and becoming a factor on defense.'**

— BEN BRAUN, CAL COACH

EC, King received the Cal basketball team's Most Outstanding Student-Athlete Award after the 1996-97 season after sitting out a year waiting for his eligibility.

Last year's experience gave him a leg up on the other new players, even though he hadn't played a minute.

"I was anxious to play," he said about last year, "but I know what to expect. Coach (Braun) is open with everybody. I'm happy he's here."

The Bears are extremely happy to have him.



Brent Albright, right, led Cal with 2 goals in MPSF final place win over Pepperdine.

## No NCAAs for Cal water polo team

The No. 2 Cal men's water polo team fell to No. 3 Stanford, 5-4, in the semifinals of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Tournament, knocking the Bears out of a chance to go to the NCAA Tournament for the second season in succession. Cal had defeated No. 8 UC Santa Barbara, 11-7, in the opening round and was able to defeat No. 1 Pepperdine in the third-place match to finish the season 22-6 overall (7-1 in the MPSF).

The loss to Stanford came on a Cardinal score with two seconds left in the match to break a 4-4 tie. What hurt more than the loss to Stanford was top-ranked Pepperdine being upset by USC, 10-9, in the other semifinal match.

USC went on to defeat Stanford, 5-4, for the conference championship and Pepperdine was selected for the at-large berth to the NCAAs.

In the victory over Santa Barbara, the Bears were led by three

goals from junior Philander and two points apiece from Brad Kittredge, Ryan Albert Won and Peter Stenstrom. The Bears' season score was tied, 6-6, after the first quarter, but Gardner was to dominate, scoring all four of his goals in the fourth quarter. Against Stanford, the Bears had a 3-2 lead going into the fourth period but outscored, 3-1, in the seven minutes. Kittredge, the leading scorer for Cal, scored two goals. With 1:25 left in the match, Eldad Hazor tied the contest looking as if he was going into overtime. Stan had the ball with 15 seconds left and scored with two seconds on the clock.

In the third-place match, Pepperdine, seven defense players scored, with All-American Brent Albright scoring his last collegiate goal in the Bears with two goals.



## Former Albany soccer player Izaki helps Vassar to ECAC title

Annie Izaki, former Albany High soccer player, was a member of the Vassar College team that finished the year with a 13-5-1 record and won the ECAC Mid-Atlantic championship. The Brewers defeated Binghamton (5-3), Penn State-Behrend (1-0), and SUNY Brockport (1-0) to clinch the crown. During the season Vassar defeated Smith and Wellesley en route to winning the Seven Sisters championship as well.

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quickness and spearhead a relentlessly pressing Panthers defense.

The man-to-man pressure defense also serves to jump-start the SM offense, generating easy transition baskets and taking advantage of the team's athleticism.

In the half-court sets, Jones, a forward, leads the SM offense with drives to the hoop. SM's outside shooting is a glaring weakness. The Panthers also figure to be at a height disadvantage throughout the year—most noticeably in the backcourt.

Against non-league foe Bishop O'Dowd last Tuesday night, SM showed flashes of what it may become this season, while being outplayed by a tough opponent in a 71-43 loss, which dropped its record to 1-1.

While the final score screams "blowout," the game was competitive until O'Dowd closed with a 20-3 run over the final five minutes.

Jones led SM with 18 points, including all six Panthers points scored in the first quarter. Rothschild and Dixon scored seven points apiece and Heide chipped in five.

In O'Dowd, SM faced a tough opponent that went 12 players deep. The Dragons seemingly came at the Panthers in waves, with substitutes constantly being

interchanged. BOD had 11 players score, compared to seven by the Panthers.

SM faced an uphill battle throughout the game, but never fell behind by a large margin until the very end. SM started the game with extremely cold shooting, and scored a mere six points in the first quarter, while allowing 12.

A downside of SM's defensive pressure against BOD was fatigue late in the game. The Dragons' depth and poise became decisive in the fourth quarter as BOD seemed to wear the Panthers down.

After the game, Caraballo was more impressed by BOD than by his team's effort: "They are good team, they are well coached, and they executed well. But we just did not play hard enough. They got so many layups because we weren't hustling. Also, we had way too many turnovers."

As for his team's chances in the ACCAL this season, Caraballo was optimistic despite losing four starters from last season: "I expect we'll be a bit inconsistent, but I think we will be very competitive. We will be a tough team."

As for this year's favorite in the ACCAL, Caraballo points to one team: St. Joseph. The Panthers may get a look at their top rivals this week as SM travels to the St. Joe Island Classic tournament this Thursday through Saturday in Alameda.

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team. Once they won the pennant the Jackets became a team with nothing to lose, since they had already gained everything they wanted.

"At the very beginning of the year we were talking about all the banners on the wall and all the pennants in the gym," said coach Patrick Heame. "Our goal was to get a banner and we ended up getting a NCS banner, so that was a big thrill for the team."

Though Berkeley's season ended with two losses, that does very little to discourage the Jacket's from looking back at their season as nothing short of a success. The Jackets (14-8) finished second in the East Bay Athletic League league behind Amador Valley.

Unfortunately, second in league does not merit a pennant so the Jackets still had more work to do. They opened up the NCS playoffs with a close (15-7, 15-7, 4-15, 15-13) win against Moreau Catholic.

But close had been the Jacket's style

all season long. They had only one match in straight games, and countless games by two-point margins. "I attribute the fact that we have never gotten a banner to our league, so now we want the NCS."

In the semifinals the Jackets defeated Alcalanes in straight games, 3, 15-6, 15-8 before losing in the final. But now that they are finally over, none of these things matter anymore. All of the losses and close wins are gone—forgotten. All that remains is the NCS banner hanging in their

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who decided they didn't want to play this year or wanted to play other sports. We have a bunch of kids that are playing varsity that normally would be at the junior varsity level this year. But while we're real young, the kids have no (bad) attitudes. They are trying very hard to work together, and I think it is just a matter of time."

Time stood still for the Gauchos in Tuesday night's home loss to non-league opponent Castlemont. EC was dominated in every phase of the game and fell to 0-2 by a whopping, 77-28 count.

Brown led EC with nine points, including several slashing drives and a nifty 3-point shot. Belvin was not far behind with eight points, six of which came in a fourth quarter flurry. Belvin was a perfect 4-of-4 from the free throw line.

A particularly fatal flaw in the Castlemont game was simple ballhandling. EC was victimized by an incredible 35 turnovers in the 32-minute game. These led to

33 Castlemont points, more than EC's total offensive output. The turnovers were all the more frustrating by the fact that they were generally unforced errors—predominantly careless passes.

Wood blamed the numerous errors on inexperience. "We're very young," she said. "We're just learning how to play together. We're not realizing when we're in position to pass and when not to. But we'll learn."

This year promises tough competition in the ACCAL. Wood singled out Alameda as being a prime contender, while "Holy Names is always tough." Wood singled out an early season battle against St. Elizabeth's as a possible measure of her team's progress.

"By the time we get to St. E's, I think we'll be right on track. We'll be a lot more cohesive, playing together."

EC's growing experience will continue this Thursday through Saturday at the John Swett Tournament at John Swett High.

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### U-12 Albany-Berkeley soccer Footfire burns the capital d



The Footfire 1997 U-12 champs, below, a local class 11B division of the Capital Valley Thanksgiving Classic Tournament in Sacramento last weekend by competing against teams over Northern California. Coached by Berkeley's and Carlos Hill, the Footfire remained undefeated this season as they beat the Vallejo Rowdies, 3-1, in a muddy, drizzle game decided by penalty kicks.

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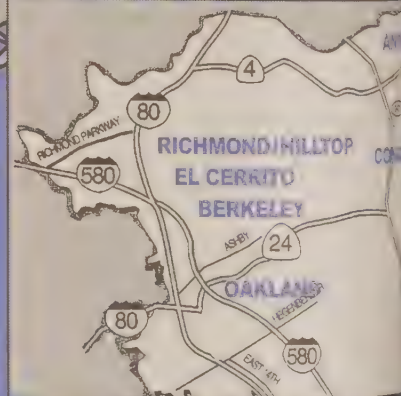
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Northbrae Properties top producer Heidi Frieze with (and wearing) a few of the items that will be available at the 5th Annual Women's Daytime Drop-In Center Sale.

## Northbrae's holiday sale

The fifth annual Northbrae Properties Holiday Art Show and Sale will be held Sat., Dec. 6 and Sun., Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The show, hosted by former Berkeley Board of Realtors president, Anita Thede, benefits the Women's Daytime Drop-in Center.

Each year, Northbrae staff and volunteers from the center transform Northbrae Properties offices into a holiday fantasy. See NORTHBRAE, page 31

## A sweet season for homeowners

Number 222 in a series of true experiences in real estate

This is the time of year when gift suggestions appear in print. I like them, like reading what someone else thinks may be the right present to buy for an elderly, sedentary aunt, say, costing less than \$25 — as opposed, I guess, to an

almost all of whom are short of cash.

A caulking gun is my first choice, a great gift to be had (including a tube of caulk) for around \$10. Paintable silicon caulk can be used well for many sealing needs at every house. The myriad uses of caulk are mentioned over and over again during every house



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it. It's especially useful for quickly removing hardware prior to painting a room. Zip! And the heat registers, drapery hardware, and switch plates are off.

A woman client called a few months ago to extol the wonders of a combination cordless drill and screwdriver she bought for around \$125. She uses it for lots of things including the retrofit work she did herself.

For the more ambitious or for those who took on a fixer-upper and now expect to fix it, a level and a square, a nail puller and a wrecking bar, a crescent wrench and all sorts of power tools may be put to good use.

It's probably a good idea to ask what plans the homeowner has. One will reel off a long list of planned accomplishments. Another may simply reply with a blank look — he doesn't intend to do anything and maybe he won't.

Ladders are nice. Sturdy things to climb on make good gifts: a kitchen stool-type ladder, a six-foot aluminum ladder if only for changing light bulbs, a taller one for reaching the rain gutters.

Most people who have a fireplace want to use it, so firewood and/or a firewood rack for storing the wood will be welcome. I once had a cord of oak delivered to friends and, although they had to stack it themselves, they were thrilled. It lasted them through the winter. It cost about \$225.

If the homeowner plans to paint even one room, there is some ter-

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**The gift possibilities are endless; for small budgets or large. There is so much to choose from.**

aunt who backpacks regularly.

Gifts for mystery lovers, vegetable gardeners; something perfect for the rich and famous who already have everything. What to give adolescents, classical music lovers, your boss?

How about owners of houses, especially anyone who recently bought a first home?

The gift possibilities are endless. For small budgets or large, there is much to choose from. I had such a good time making a list of surefire gifts for homeowners,

inspection.

"Keep water away," the inspector advises. "Caulk siding and stucco cracks, tubs and showers; caulk around windows." Caulking is a talent every homeowner would do well to develop.

Even those who are not handy around the house, people who plan on hiring someone to make repairs, may attempt to hang a picture or a curtain rod on their own. A few tools will be needed — tools that they may not already have.

The basics include, of course, a hammer, screwdrivers and a hand saw. Fancier but nice are sliding joint pliers, invaluable when the right occasion presents itself, also tin snips and needle nose pliers.

Once we were talking to a repairman who told us about cordless screwdrivers. He was so enthusiastic that, within an hour of our conversation, we had bought one of our own.

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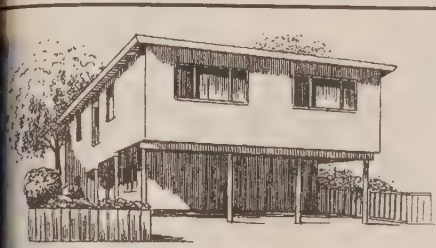
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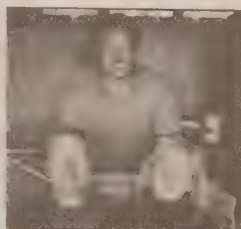
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## Low inflation steadies rates

On Nov. 26 Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed rate mortgage stood at 7.17 showing little change from last week's average of 7.17 percent.

This is again the lowest the 30-year rate has averaged since the week ending Feb. 16 when it stood at 6.94 percent. A year ago the 30-year FRM averaged 7.52 percent.

The average start-rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages

(ARMS) averaged 5.47 this week, almost unchanged as well from last week's average of 5.48 percent.

A year ago the average start rate for the one-year ARM stood at 5.50 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance market, stayed exactly the same at 6.73.

This time last year this rate averaged 7.04 percent.

"As long as inflation stays fairly dormant, mortgage interest rates will hover around their current

levels," said Frank Nothaft, deputy chief economist at Freddie Mac.

On Nov. 28 the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for Dec. payments at 4.957 percent, up almost 2 basis points from the 4.941 percent that was in effect for Nov. payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

## Tarpoff

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ric blue masking tape available for about \$8 a roll that he may not know exists but will be very glad to find out about. Painters can also use putty knives, good paint brushes (expensive, wonderful), a task light.

For the grounds, certainly a hose is needed. (It doesn't seem to matter what price you pay for a hose; the \$30 ones still kink.) I love my watering wand for watering pots on my patio. The \$10 plastic one from Home Depot with the on/off switch is better than the prettier aluminum one that doesn't have a switch.

A good shovel or fork costs anywhere from \$30 to \$50 — expensive to most new homeown-

ers. Electric hedge clippers are a possibility, also well-made hand pruners or a gift certificate for a nursery.

The list goes on and on. The sky's the limit? Did a refrigerator come with the house? If not (or any other appliance is missing), what a great gift. How about a new roof, a fence, an electrician's time to install circuit breakers and more outlets?

Earthquake retrofit often costs \$3,000 to \$5,000, sometimes more. Most people would enjoy knowing their house is more resistant to earthquakes and probably they'd get a discount on their insurance too.

There are many gardening, home decorating and home re-

model magazines. Subscriptions cost \$20 to \$25 a year. "Old House Journal" is a good one for remodelers; "Home" is one of my favorites for interior ideas; "Fine Gardening" and "Garden Design" are both excellent.

If none of these suggestions seems right, here's a gift that will work and be appreciated by everyone on your list: a credit on their gas and electric bill. Arrange to send \$50 or \$100 or whatever to PG&E and when that next bill comes in January, the recipient will love you to pieces.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoff are licensed agents and area specialists who also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached at 653-2050.

## Respite from the storms ahead

Homeowners throughout the Bay Area have turned their attention away from the "doom and gloom" of impending winter storms, and are now focusing on preparing their homes for holiday entertaining.

This transition was observed recently by the Trades Guild, a free consumer referral service for locating quality home improvement contractors and other professional tradespeople.

"A month ago, everyone was calling us for roofing, gutters, and drainage problems — things they really

had to do before the winter storms," says Bonnie Headlee, executive director of The Trades Guild. "As the holidays approach, we're getting more calls for discretionary things, like hanging a new chandelier, refinishing the floors, or painting the dining room."

"With the Forty Niners on their way to the Western Division playoffs, we expect to see more demand and calls to our service for things like home theaters and new carpeting for playoff and Super Bowl parties," notes Headlee.

The Trades Guild's referrals to home quality contractors for home improvement projects.

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## The magic moment that makes the job

In a remodeling project it is fair to say that there will be one thing that happens during the process that will be "the job" for you. It is also that you might not always know what it will be until the job is over. I share with you some of the jobs that were "the job" in projects I have done.

### Personal experience

Ten years ago my wife and I

When the counters were installed and the lights turned on, the whole project came together in a way that neither of us had anticipated.

When we moved into the house in which we currently live. We had remodeled the previous house to make it more attractive to potential buyers. However, we did not get to live with the fruits of that work for very long. We were not going to make the same mistake twice.

We bought our new home because of the neighborhood. We had heard at the house a number of times, trying to decide if the ever-increasing price was finally right. Actually it was.

Immediately we began a plan to start remodeling the house. In fact, our plans were extensive enough that we had to phase the work over ten years.

The initial stage involved adding on to the rear of the house, creating space for a future room under the house, creating a master bedroom suite and remodeling the kitchen. Quite a remarkable amount of work!

I could not believe the amount of decisions we had to make. My wife and I had worked together in our remodeling business for about 10 years at that point.

We had helped at lot of people transform their homes. However, I had never understood how many decisions our clients had been faced with.

Late in the project the subject of a medicine cabinet for the master bedroom was raised. My wife had assumed it would be in the wall

## FROM THE GROUND UP

PAUL WINANS

behind the vanity.

I had assumed my wife had read and understood the plans. The plans actually called for a large mirror on that wall with the medicine cabinet on the side wall to the left of the vanity. It was already framed in before we had a conversation about it.

Our ability to communicate about this matter in a results-oriented manner was minimal. We were in a position that is not supposed to occur in a well-run project, or at least I had thought that was so up to then!

We came up with a solution with the help of the cabinetmaker. The medicine cabinet did get installed in the side wall but, instead of a mirrored door, a cabinet with a door complementing the regular doors in the house — framed as those doors were trimmed — was built and installed.

It looks great and I appreciate that cabinet to this day as "the job;" the item that the success of the project came to hinge on in a manner that we hadn't anticipated.

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## Adding spice to windows

Templeton Company has added something new to its interesting window display, according to Paul Templeton. "We have blown up photos of our Berkeley Symphony and Berkeley Repertory Theater program advertisements," he said.

Templeton Company hired George Mattingly to create ads that were both interesting and amusing. Templeton and partner Marlene Leverette feel that the photos turned out so well that they are currently displaying them in the company's windows at 3070 Claremont Avenue in Berkeley.

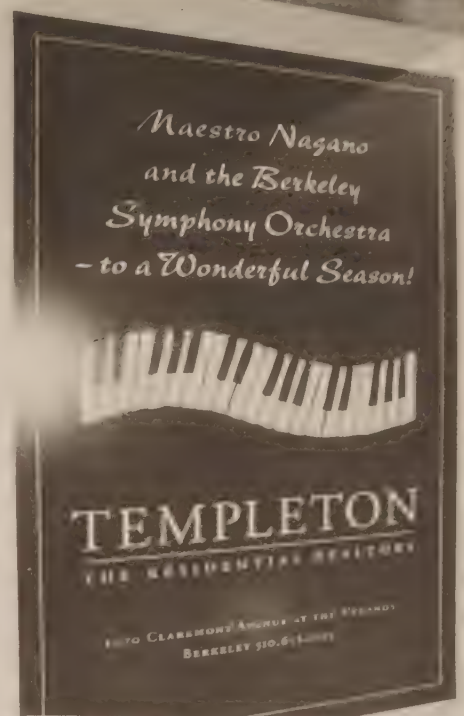
Templeton sees these posters as effective advertising not only for the symphony and the theater but for the company as well.

"Those seeing them for the first time are made aware of these great Berkeley assets," said Templeton.

"We are pleased to be able to support Berkeley's cultural life in whatever way we can."

Templeton Company recently helped underwrite the production of a film dealing with the Youth Outreach program for the symphony.

"We believe that it is an obligation of local business to give back to the community," said Templeton.



Templeton Company demonstrates community involvement with its latest display.



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## Northbrae...

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of arts and crafts. Located at 1600 Hopkins Street in the Monterey Center, the show attracts holiday shoppers looking for special gifts created by local artists.

The Women's Daytime Drop-in Center, located in a small house in a quiet Berkeley neighborhood, was founded 10 years ago to provide homeless women and their children with a safe, daytime refuge where they can receive support, food and access to emergency survival resources.

agency survival resources.

"What's most exciting about the show is the quality and variety of gifts provided by Berkeley artists," said Northbrae owner, Anita Thede. "And we're able to directly support the Center because we carry all the overhead and administrative costs of this event. Our customers like that."

"They know they're spending money on quality gifts and, at the same time, supporting a vital local program serving the most vulnerable members of our community — homeless women and their children."

This year's show features Cameron Chardoul's handmade jewelry, crafted from antique pieces gathered from around the world.

Ceramist Robert Edney, a regular contributor and driving force behind the benefit, will display his one-of-a-kind fountains and a selection of his popular pottery. Edney's fountains are fully functional and make delightful accents for a home-office or small garden.

Hand blown glass by Dan Reilly and glassworks by Linda Cohen, as well as gilded and custom holiday ornaments add a festive and joyful seasonal spirit.

Suzanne Lutz returns for the

second year with an elegant array of decorated boxes; and jewelry by Toba Schwartz and goldsmith Katherine Brewer round out the show.

"This effort is really about the spirit of Berkeley," Thede said. "It's a celebration of the wonderful artists who contribute so much to our community and a way to honor and support the Women's Daytime Drop-in Center's efforts to end homelessness."

"People do their holiday shopping here knowing this is a great way to ensure that the Center continues this important work."

For more information about the show or for directions to Northbrae's offices, call 526-4336. Northbrae Property is located at 1600 Hopkins Street, Berkeley.

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# Coldwell Banker Online proving to be a success

Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation announced today that in four months, Coldwell Banker Online has generated more than 17,500 customer leads to its network of brokers and sales associates. The company estimates that approximately 10 percent of these leads (1,700 homes) have resulted in actual transactions.

Customer web site browsing and communication with the Realtor via the Internet allows the broker-client relationship to begin at a more advanced level, and provides customers with the freedom of contacting a real estate office after doing some of their own research online.

According to Dennis Moreno, president and chief operating officer of Coldwell Banker Northern California, "For the home seller, the web site provides additional, widespread exposure of their listing without increasing costs, and ultimately, the buying process is streamlined and expedited," said Moreno.

"Coldwell Banker was the first national real estate brand to create a web site and the only brand thus far to have 90 to 100 percent of its inventory online at any given time," Moreno continued. "The web site provides a major evolution in the first contact and early stages of the buying and selling process. That time allows the Coldwell Banker sales executive the opportunity to develop the special relationship with the client required to find the special home."

Coldwell Banker Online, located

at [www.coldwellbanker.com](http://www.coldwellbanker.com), includes more than 160,000 listings throughout the United States and Canada. The site attracts more than 2.5 million hits weekly and between 80,000 - 100,000 user sessions weekly, lasting an average of 19 minutes per user session.

Introduced two years ago and now in its second stage of evolution, Coldwell Banker Online was the first national real estate brand web site and to date, has more linked sites than any other real estate brand.

Through user-friendly graphic and icon images, the site provides listings that meet a house hunter's specifications - from price range to county, town and street requirements to type of home (single family detached, townhouse, condo etc.) and number of bedrooms and bathrooms.

Additionally, Coldwell Banker Online features a mortgage calculator and can offer the browser special property selections divided into: Previews Program for high-end homes, Resort Property Network for vacation and second homes and

**The site attracts more than 2.5 million hits weekly lasting an average of 19 minutes.**

new construction and military and university housing.

With the September 1997 acquisitions of Cornish & Carey Residential Real Estate and the Jon Douglas Company, Coldwell Banker strengthened its position as Northern California's largest residential real estate firm, with 90 offices and nearly 3,500 sales associates in the region.

Nationwide, the company has more than 2,500 franchised real estate offices and nearly 60,000 sales executives and was declared the number one residential brokerage by the trade publication REAL Trends.

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**Real Estate Editor: 339-4047**

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Langbein worked with Sherwin Williams for 13 years. Following his desire to move back

to Northern California, he purchased East Bay Paint to experience the challenges of being a business owner. He has met this challenge by selling high quality products and a full line of supplies. He takes it one step further by offering personalized service to assist you in planning and executing any home painting project.

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Langbein encourages homeowners to consider the benefits of purchasing a priced paint. "On an average, the difference between a high quality paint and a lower quality paint is approximately \$120," he says. "A quality exterior paint will last 10 years. An average paint will last 5 years. By investing an additional \$120, you double the life of the paint. The quality of the paint is worth the extra cost."

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JUST LISTED! Loads of space in this charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with downstairs family room, possible in-law. Beautiful hwd floors, large kitchen. Walk to Albany schools, shops, restaurants and transportation.
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# Just what affects fixed interest rates?

Fixed interest rates can and usually do change daily. We are always asking, "Where are interest rates going, up or down?" We wish that we knew the answer, but the fact is there are so many outside influences and the fact that my crystal ball has been in the shop for several years now, that we don't know exactly where the interest rates will be a week or next month. There are many indicators that we follow daily that may help predict the trend. The following are just a few of the many we monitor daily.

**The 30 year treasury bond.** Often called the long bond, this is considered the primary benchmark for interest rates are today. When there is a rally in the bond market, prices for bonds go up and yields drop. As the yield drops, interest rates. They call this an inverse relationship. The following

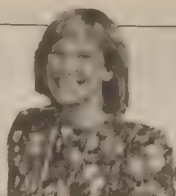
factors affect the bond market.

**Fears of inflation.** Throughout the month we get daily economic reports that measure how the economy is doing. Some reports may indicate a super heated economy which could fuel fears of inflation which is very bad for the bond market others may indicate slow to moderate growth which is good for the bond market.

**Greenspan speaks.** Mr. Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank and often considered one of the most powerful people in the economy can send markets reeling with just one of his thoughts. He is the man who has his finger on the pulse of the economy and whose primary goal, it seems, is low inflation.

All of us in the industry hold our breath every six to eight weeks as Greenspan and his Federal Open

## MORTGAGE MADNESS



KAREN SENZIG

Market Committee (FOMC) convenes to discuss short term and long term interest rates and monetary policy for the Federal Government. People interested in mortgages don't like it when short term interest rates rise. They hate it when long term interest rates rise.

**Stock market and overseas markets.** As we all witnessed on that black Monday in October 1997 when the Asian Markets crashed, dragging down our own markets, bonds reacted dramatically dropping the yield at one point to an annual low of 6.06 percent (for about 15 minutes). As our markets recovered the bond yield shot back in to 6.25 percent. Sometimes a rally in the bond market will spur the stock market and they react favorably together. Sometimes we just throw our arms up, shrug and say, "Oh well".

**National and world events.** When there are National catastrophes like the major floods that the

Midwest or earthquakes in California, if one of our political figures is assassinated or involved in a huge bank scandal, it has impact on the bond market. Every time Iraq's Saddam Hussein starts saber rattling, he shakes up the market as well as our nerves. These are usually the only circumstances where bad news is bad news for the bond market.

**New home and existing home sales.** When these indicators are up too much it could indicate that the economy is heating up too quickly and fuel inflation fears. This is not good news for the bond market. The same is true for New Home Construction Starts.

**Producer price index (PPI).** The producer price index tells us the wholesale cost of goods. If they are paying much more than in past months it will affect the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and how much

## Winans

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What makes a kitchen remodel successful?

The answers to that question are that you don't always know going into the project and it is different for each kitchen remodel.

We recently did a kitchen remodel for a client whose home had wonderful teak cabinets. The lack of right angles in the building and the tight space the kitchen occupied made it difficult and unnecessary to change the basic layout of the sink, refrigerator and range.

We did need to modify some of the cabinets to accept a modern range/oven combination unit that was replacing the counter-mounted oven/cooktop unit. A unit like the one our client said was in the John F. Kennedy Museum!

The focus from the beginning was to keep as much of the original cabinetry as possible and to make any new cabinetry seamlessly match the existing cabinets.

As the job moved along that all came to pass.

In the meantime, other materials were discussed and selected. A wonderful peach-colored floor tile went in — the color meshing very well with the cabinets. Lighting was improved with recessed lights and under-cabinet lights making the counters easy to work on and a real focal point in the remodeled kitchen.

We went to look for countertop material. Our client had always been interested in stone tops. Some of the bath counters on the house were marble and she liked that. We had

talked about how marble was not good in kitchens, so we were looking for granite.

Imagine our delight and surprise when she and I found a granite that I had never seen before. It had streaks of red/brown matching the teak cabinets and of peach matching the floor tile — all set on a random background of grays and tans. It was perfect!

When the counters were installed and the lights turned on, the whole project came together in a way that neither of us had ever anticipated. We had found "the job" for this project — the unexpected tying together of all the elements that were the kitchen.

So what will it be for your project?

I am a very strong proponent of planning. Our company tries to work both before the project starts and while it is underway to anticipate as much as possible, making an inherently unpredictable undertaking as predictable as possible. I am always amazed though at how there is on item that defines the success of the project.

What will it be for your project? I am almost sure it will be something unexpected. The only way to find out is to take a chance and get started.

Paul Winans, CR, is co-owner of Winans Construction, Inc., an Oakland-based general contracting firm founded in 1978. He can be reached at 653-7288.

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Berkeley - New Listing 1421 Blake St. - Charming & immaculate split level bungalow - 2 BR, 1 BA, LR w/ coved ceiling & frpl., built in hutch in DR, att. single garage, deep bkyd. matured fruit trees. Move-in cond.  
\$180,500.

Oakland - 6054 Mazuela Drive - New Const. Stunning Spanish w/contemporary details - 4 BR + study, 4.5 BA, 2 Fm. Rms, 3 frpls., 2 lg. balconies, Bay & Canyon View.  
\$850,000.

Oakland - 6066 Mazuela Drive - New Construction. Seller says "Make Offer" on this elegant 6 BR Traditional, 4.5 BA, gourmet kit., oversized family rooms., soaring ceilings, columns + lavish use of marble & granite. \$925,000.

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The 16th annual House Tour and Raffle for Prospect Sierra School in El Cerrito is brimming with architectural and decorating inventiveness you'll want to check out on Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. All the homes are decorated for the holidays.

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Participate in a day-long series of activities. Build a gingerbread house, learn the art of chocolate enameling and decorate a cake at Spun Sugar, the specialty store devoted exclusively to the arts of cake decorating and candy making.

The raffle is also fabulous with prizes that include a two-week cruise to Alaska, seven days of kayaking on the Sea of Cortez, a Hawaiian getaway with nine nights

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## What role does APR play in a payment?

**Q:** I keep seeing references to a term called APR. What does it signify?

**A:** APR stands for Annual Percentage Rate. Under the law, creditors must show you the amount being financed, the monthly payment, the number of monthly payments and most importantly the APR.

You can think of the APR the same way you look at the price per pound in a fruit stand. For example: If the price of apples is fifty cents a pound then you can buy a pound for one dollar or four pounds for two

note rate on home loans, since it also factors in the costs associated with obtaining the credit.

**Q:** We were planning to make an offer on a property last week. Now we are being told by our bank's loan officer that we don't qualify for a home loan because of our credit. What resources do we have to remedy this situation?

**A:** You put the carriage before the horse. The correct procedure is to first get prequalified for a home loan to find out how much of a

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dollars. In either case the price per pound is still fifty cents. Similarly, when you buy credit for a given number of months, the total dollar amount of your finance charges will depend on the size of your loan and its term.

Keep in mind that an APR is NOT an interest rate. It is simply a uniformly accepted means of informing a borrower of the total cost of the loan.

The problem that I see with the APR is that even most loan officers have a hard time understanding the concept. Also, despite the identical disclosure of an APR in two different credit card applications, one creditor may charge you very different finance charges every month. It depends on how you use the account and how they calculate the unpaid balance for assessing the charge.

When it comes to a home loan, I highly recommend that you request a good faith estimate from your lender and examine each cost item by item. Keep in mind that The APR is very often higher than the

house you can afford based on your income and address any credit issues.

There are a number of nonconforming loan programs that allow borrowers to get a home loan based on a 20 to 35 percent down payment depending on your credit but they are rather expensive. If you don't have that kind of cash for a down payment, work on your credit issues first, then get prequalified for a home loan before going out and making offers.

**Q:** I am in the process of getting a home loan and the lender is telling me that I need to pay off a \$2,000 charge off. I had a big fight with that creditor several years ago and refuse to pay these jerks a red cent. What is your solution for me?

**A:** Pay off your collection account or forget about being a home owner. NO lender will extend you a home loan with an open charge off.

**Q:** My credit is spotty and I have also filed for bankruptcy a few years

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ago. I am using a loan secure financing on a intend to buy. Since I am good money and have putting 25 percent down is telling me about offers an adjustable about two percent high market rate but does not my credit derails and Is this a worthwhile sue?

**A:** There are an increasing number of "non-conventional" that specialize in giving credit challenged borrowers. I feel that they do needed service that was able a few years ago at a cost. However many people first time buyers do enough savings to obtain cent or 25 percent down. Therefore, they should on repairing their credit as possible prior to applying down payment mortgage.

I do caution you however away from non-conventional justable loans as many shoot up to 16 percent or percent within a few years start to go up rapidly. conventional lenders also rates.

I personally have met about these loan programs to question the common prospective borrower having credit problems to get home loan in the first place advocates of these programs that most of these basically "Band Aid" low consumers to get financing while they are proving their credit profile.

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# Holding title a matter of legal importance

In my last column, I introduced the concept of an "estate" as it applies to real property. I explained that, in the eyes of the law, an estate is the highest form of interest one can hold in a piece of real property and that there are essentially two categories of estates, freehold and leasehold.

There are two varieties of freehold estates, known as estates in fee simple and life estates. What distinguishes freehold estates from all other interests in real property is their uncertain duration. Whether an estate in fee or a life estate, it is never possible to know in advance which date a freehold estate will terminate.

An estate in fee, or fee simple, the highest interest one can have in real property, it can be held in severalty (alone) or in co-ownership (as a joint tenant, as a tenant in common, as a partner, or as community property).

A fee simple ownership inter-combines the potential for in-

finite duration with the attributes of free transferability and inheritability. In California, a fee simple interest is presumed to pass by a grant deed, which is the standard transfer instrument in real property sales transactions.

Whether a person owns a fee interest alone or with another interests primarily on issues of inheritance and taxation.

For example, an interest held in severalty, as a tenant in common, or in community property requires a will in order to be transferred upon death to a specifically identified beneficiary. Otherwise, it's ownership passes according to the rules of intestate succession, e.g., one half to the surviving spouse, one half to the child if only one child.

If two surviving children, one third to the surviving spouse, one third to each child, etc. By contrast, a holder of a joint tenancy interest cannot transfer his or her interest by will. Upon death, it is

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automatically inherited by the surviving joint tenant(s).

Finally, ownership of a partnership interest will be subject to the rights of the surviving partners upon the death of one of them. All such transfers must be probated, except in the case of joint tenancy. A review of the tax consequences would take us far afield but should always be considered when deciding how to take title to real property.

Title deeded to a living, or inter vivos, trust is held in fee simple by both the trustee (legal title) and the beneficiary (equitable title). Real property in such a trust avoids probate upon the death of the settlor, or person creating the trust.

The other category of freehold estate, known as a life estate, arises when real property is conveyed to

a person or persons for the duration of their life or that of another. By definition, it is not possible to know how long a life estate will last.

Upon occurrence of the terminating event, however, the property will either revert back to the original grantor or owner or will go to some other person, as provided for in the will of the grantor.

A life tenant may rent the property to another and keep the rents, and must also maintain the property, pay the property taxes, and pay the interest portion of any loan payments which may be due during the period of the life tenancy.

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as this sounds in theory, I am not aware of too many cases where this argument has held true in practice.

**Q: How does a home loan lender view a Chapter 7 bankruptcy?**

**A:** It must be discharged for at least two years and the prospective borrower must have reestablished at least two or more lines of credit without ANY late. No derogers are allowed past the bankruptcy date.

As mentioned before, some non-conforming lenders have less stringent guidelines but do require a bigger down payment along with a higher rate and points charged. Discuss your situation with a compe-

tent loan officer.

**Q: I am getting more buried into debt each month because of the inability to stick to a budget. I really need some outside help to set me straight before I get forced to file bankruptcy. Where can I turn to?**

**A:** If you need help with budgeting and cash flow management, try Consumer Credit Counseling a non profit organization with offices nationwide at (800) 388-2227. Additionally, Debtors Anonymous is a free support group for anyone with debt or spending problems. You can obtain a meeting list by writing to: Debtors Anonymous, PO Box 20322, NY, NY 10025-9992.

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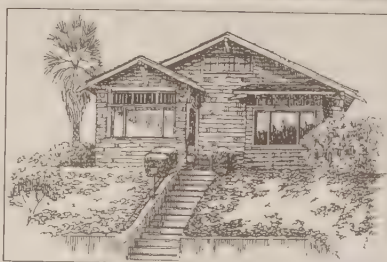
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 5832 Nottingham Dr. - \$197,000  
 1197 Ocean Ave. - \$80,000  
 2914 Octavia St. - \$103,000

10550 Pearmain St. - \$64,000  
 4914 Proctor Ave. - \$700,000  
 4723 Redding St. - \$66,000  
 3938 Robley Terrace - \$244,000  
 6141 Ruthland Rd. - \$551,000  
 196 Santa Clara Ave. - \$125,000  
 1738 Seminary Ave. - \$98,000  
 4050 Sequoyah Rd. - \$301,000  
 75 Shadow - \$204,000  
 8135 Skyline Blvd. - \$327,000  
 5522 Snake Rd. - \$353,000  
 7980 Surrey Ln. - \$290,000  
 288 Whitmore St. #109 - \$62,000  
 288 Whitmore St. #311 - \$66,000

**PIEDMONT**  
 59 Lincoln Ave. - \$1,175,500  
 140 Ronada Ave. - \$500,000  
 480 Wildwood Ave. - \$1,592,500  
 1693 Woodhaven Wy. - \$330,000

**RICHMOND**  
 758 32nd St. - \$130,000  
 5234 Carriage Dr. - \$264,000  
 3524 Humphrey Ave. - \$109,500  
 782 Kern St. - \$121,500  
 4217 Overend Ave. - \$105,000  
 5866 Ralston Ave. - \$140,000  
 2968 Rollingwood Dr. - \$108,500

825 South 45th St. - \$100,000  
 3300 Southridge Dr. - \$100,000  
 3025 Stephen Ln. - \$100,000  
 1529 146th Ave. - \$100,000  
 1625 Bancroft Ave. - \$100,000  
 1990 Bancroft Ave. - \$100,000  
 15398 Beatty St. - \$100,000  
 1637 Boxwood Ave. - \$100,000  
 325 Breed Ave. - \$100,000  
 390 Bristol Blvd. - \$100,000  
 15655 Buoy Cr. - \$100,000  
 15651 Cranser Dr. - \$100,000  
 2410 Easy St. - \$100,000  
 781 Hollyhock Dr. - \$100,000  
 1454 Jean Wy. - \$100,000  
 906 Kenyon Ave. - \$100,000  
 849 Martin Blvd. - \$100,000  
 443 Naber St. - \$100,000  
 16840 President Ln. - \$100,000  
 15649 Stern Cr. - \$100,000  
 739 Victoria Ave. - \$100,000  
 2655 W. Ave. - \$100,000  
 558 West Merle Ct. - \$100,000  
 16153 Windsor Dr. - \$100,000  
 2025 Yankee Ct. - \$100,000

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**RHONDA DRAKEFORD**



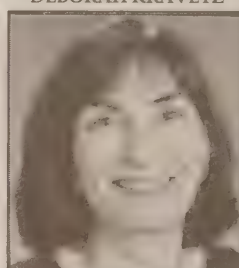
Rhonda is an experienced agent who provides personal, professional and courteous service to her buyers and sellers. She has been servicing the East Bay since 1982.

**TERRI INGRAM**



New to the business but not to the community, Terri brings 20 years of remarkable customer service to Mason-McDuffie/Prudential California Realty.

**DEBORAH KRAVETZ**



A Broker-Associate of Prudential California Realty formerly with the Oakland offices of Grubb & Ellis Commercial for six years and the Law Offices of J. Frederick Haley five years prior to that. She represents her clients with integrity and exceptional service.

**LILIA A. MARQUEZ**



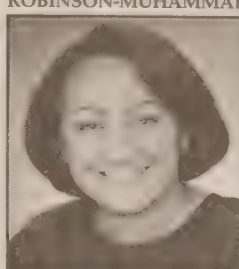
Born in San Francisco and raised in Oakland, Lilia is a 28-year Alameda resident who looks forward to showing you her county. She holds an MBA and BS degree and is fluent in Spanish.

**SERGIO MARTINEZ**



Sergio worked for 15 years in the food service industry at Mario's LaFiesta restaurant in Berkeley. He is now going to put his customer service background to work in real estate.

**CYNTHIA ROBINSON-MUHAMMAD**



Cynthia, who hails from Newport, Rhode Island, is a new arrival to the real estate industry. She brings with her over 20 years of experience in public service.

**FRANK NIJENKAMP**



Frank brings his extensive property management experience and communication skills (he speaks four languages) to his real estate practice.

**SANDI PORTER**



Sandi brings over 12 years of Real Estate Lending and Appraisal experience to the Prudential California sales team.

**DEBBI RIZZETTO**



Debbi is a long time Oakland resident and lives in the Laurel District. She brings to Real Estate a professional background in marketing and accounting.

**OI SERVAIS**



Originally from Thailand, Oi had been working in Europe, Asia and Africa for one of the largest food companies in S.E. Asia before beginning real estate in the Bay Area.

**SANDY STARKEY**



Sandy has lived in the Bay Area for 20 years and brings experience and humor to her real estate clients. She is active in the Laurel Community Action Project (LCAP), is a member of the Oakland Board of Realtors and the Women's Council of Realtors.

**KATHLEEN WELTER**



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## Events

The Events Calendar does not accept for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

The Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association invites you to a **Preside Evening at the Hillside Club**, 7:30 p.m., Fri. Dec. 5, at the Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St. Berkeley. The program will commemorate the work of Bernard Maybeck and Charles Keeler and will include readings as well as musical performances and special speakers. Tickets are \$20; \$10 dollars for children under 14. Tickets will also gain admission to Bernard Maybeck

Drawings at the Berkeley Art Museum. For information call 841-2242.

The Building Education Center will present two seminars on Sat. Dec. 6, **Landscape Watering Systems** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and **How to Get Your Permit Approved** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The hands-on workshop **Electrical Wiring** will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Dec 6 and 7. Call 525-7610 for ticket prices and reservations.

Over 100 Berkeley artisans invite you to their **Annual Holiday Open Studios**. Visit these talented artists and craftspeople at their studios concentrated in South and West

Berkeley Saturdays and Sundays Dec. 6 and 7, 13 and 14, and 20 and 21. Choose from among creations that include ceramics, ornaments, lamps, blown glass, shadwork, sculpture, dolls and jewelry. To obtain a map to this free self-guided tour send a self-addressed-stamped envelope to 1250 Addison St. #214, Berkeley 94702 or stop by that same address. Call 845-2612 anytime for information on other map distribution points.

Creative gift buying opportunities abound at the annual **California College of Arts and Crafts Holiday Art Sale** on Sat. Dec. 6 at their Oakland Campus located at 512 Broadway Ave. (at College Ave.). Sale hours are 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and include live music. Call 594-3666 for more information.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority presents a free **Basic Composting Workshop**, from 2 to 4 p.m., Sun. Dec. 7 (rain or shine) at the Oakland Compost Demonstration Garden, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Lakeside Park, adjacent to the Garden Center Building in Oakland. Learn how to compost yard and kitchen waste and transform trash into fertilizer. Call 444-SOIL for more information.

Dean Witter will host the investment seminar **Achieving Your Retirement Dreams**, 11:30 a.m., Dec. 9 at, in the downtown Oakland office at One Kaiser Plaza, Ste. 900. The seminar is open to both Dean Witter clients and the general public. To reserve a space, please contact Linda Schneider at 891-0594.

Oakland's One-Stop Capital Shop (OSCS) provides a series of free and low-cost small-business developmental workshops available to the public on an ongoing basis. These workshops are geared for small and midsize business entrepreneurs. The free workshop **Legal Aspects of Small Business** is scheduled for Tues., Dec 9. Business coaches are available for one-on-one counseling. For more information about these and other workshops, call 273-6000.

Enjoy a **Holiday Studio Sale** featuring original art glass designs at up to 75 percent off of original prices at Cohn-Stone Studios, 5755 Landregan St. Emeryville. Experimental works, discontinued designs and "barely" seconds will be available directly from the artisans. Sale continues through Dec. 23, Tues. to Fri. from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Red Oak Gallery hosts an exhibit

by El Cerrito artist **Regine Pressler**. Her collection "Women Series" will be on exhibit through Jan. 2. To enjoy a sample of her work without leaving home, log onto Red Oak Realty's Web site: [www.redoakrealty.com](http://www.redoakrealty.com). Call 527-3387 for more information.

Join University of California pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe from 9 a.m. to noon the first Sat. of every month for a free **Sick Plant Clinic** at the UC Botanical Gardens, 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. Drop in with a piece of a sick or a dying plant and Dr. Raabe will diagnose the problem. Call 643-2755 or garden @uclink4.berkeley.edu for more information.

Russell Doi of the Mortgage Network hosts free **First Time Homebuyer Seminar** on an ongoing basis. Learn about the many first-time homebuyer programs available today. Find out just how much home you can afford to buy. Receive a free booklet that will help you prepare for the biggest investment you may ever make. Call 526-6554 to make reservations.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203(k) mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product**. The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan program to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing basis. Call (800) 801-1320, ext. 240 for times and places in your area.

The **Orchid Society of California** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Learn about orchids and their care. Purchase orchid plants at the members' plant sale before the meeting. Orchid lecturers share their knowledge and provide plants for a raffle. Join the camaraderie and learn about the beautiful world of orchids. Call 531-1210 for more information.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047, Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

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### Oakland

**\$47,500 1975 81st AVE.** Lot zoned for up to 4 units. Great for contractor! Richard Powell 814-4837

**\$89,500 320 LEE #703.** Executive 1 BD condo with views of Oakland from living room & bedroom! Wood floors, balcony, security, lots of storage, & covered parking. Jane Friedrich 521-6892

**\$105,000 1534 SEVENTH AVE.** Nice single-level 2 BD, 1 1/2 BA Victorian near Chinatown! Vaulted ceiling in master bedroom, wonderful location, landscaping, new appliances & rugs. Tere Lee 521-3352

**\$139,500 6470 MacARTHUR.** Two townhouse-style units in good condition! Both units are 2 BD, 1 BA. Close to Mills College. Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

**\$143,000 3721 MAGEE.** Single-level 2 BD, 1 BA bungalow! Converted garage, PENDING! New kitchen, new windows. Deck with view & basement. Jane Friedrich 521-6892

**\$159,000 2327 38th AVE.** Single-level 3 BD bungalow with new roof, heating, electrical & interior plumbing! New kitchen, bath & windows. Deck with view & basement. Jane Friedrich 521-6892

**\$228,000 3707 VIRDEN.** Panoramic view of Mt. Tamalpais, Oakland lights & S.F. Bay! A wonderful tri-level Spanish Mediterranean home with 3 BD, 2 BA, formal dining, fireplace, hardwood floors, workshop, & decks. Martha Turner 814-4628

**\$379,500 3460 REVERE.** You can see forever! Full Bay Area view, 1-level custom home, 3 BD (master suite with office), kitchen/family room combo. Margaret Lomba 521-7193

### San Leandro

**\$149,500 2522 GALLEON.** Beautiful 2 BD, 2 BA condo with appliances included! Low PENDING! View of streams & fountain. Community pool, spa & tennis court. Tere Lee 521-3352

**\$154,000 14632 OUTRIGGER.** A move-in condition 2 BD, 1 BA condo with fireplace, community pool, spa & tennis. Tere Lee 521-3352

**\$168,000 14001 SEAGATE.** Formal model home with many upgrades! 2 BD, 2 BA with Corian counters, beautiful glass cabinets, built-in bookcase, pool, spa, tennis courts, located near marina. Tere Lee 521-3352

**\$172,000 14406 SEAGATE.** Spacious & immaculate 2 BD, 2 1/2 BA townhome in move-in condition! Vaulted ceiling in master bedroom, wonderful location, landscaping, new appliances & rugs. Tere Lee 521-3352

**\$895,000 525 BANCROFT.** Investment opportunity! 16-unit apartment building. Call for details. Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

### San Lorenzo

**\$149,000 15962 VIA DEL SOL.** Very clean & light single-level 2 BD, 1 BA bungalow! Hardwood floor, PENDING! Living room, workshop in garage & large yard. Martha Turner 814-4628

### Hayward

**\$113,500 260 FLINT.** An excellent 2 BD, 2 BA condo with fireplace, modern kitchen, inside laundry & small but nice yard! Peter Fletcher 523-5750

**\$167,000 25505 COMPTON.** Well-maintained 2 BD, 2 1/2 BA condo in quiet location! Fireplace, community pool, & spa. One-car attached garage & 1 parking space. John Friedrich 521-8199

### El Cerrito

**\$120,000 LOT 68 DEVONSHIRE.** Prime lot! Breath-taking! PENDING! Olden Gate & Bay! Prestigious PENDING! Walk to Mira Vista Golf Course. Steve Cressy 814-4818

### Redwood City

**\$419,000 515 REDWOOD.** Investment opportunity! Three-unit apartment building. All units are 2 BD, 1 BA. One recently updated. Call for details. Linda Soulaiges 521-3353

**\$597,000 310 POPLAR.** Great investment opportunity! Five unit apartment building. Professionally managed three - 2 BD, two - 1 BD, 1 PENDING! Lease do not disturb tenants. Call for details. Linda Soulaiges 521-3353

### Out of Area

**\$159,000 2645 EASTLAKE, KELSEYVILLE.** Buckingham Park, middle Clear Lake. Location plus! A ranch-style 3 BD, 2 BA home with family room, 2 fireplaces, & 2-car garage. Approx 1 acre of natural setting with filtered view of lake. Margaret Lomba 521-7193

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**CLOSE TO TRANSPORTATION / CENTRAL LOCATION.....\$153,000**  
2BR, 1 remodeled BA, 1727 Lexington, (Open Sun 1-4) w/ beautiful hwd floors, deck, frpl, det. gar. & off st. pkg. roof under 3 yrs old, clear pest rept, move-in condition! #W42542 John Anderson 510-237-8842

**GREAT VALUE / SUPER AREA.....\$199,000**  
3BR, 2BA fam rm, att 2 car gar. fantastic curb appeal, spacious living rm, #W1626 Janelle Chiu 510-222-8888

**FANTASTIC VALUE.....\$219,000**  
3BR, 2BA, over 1,700 sq. ft., lg. master suite, remodeled kit, earthquake retrofit, solar hot water, hwd, frml DR. #W42618 Mike Winter 223-0767

**TERRIFIC AREA / NEW LISTING.....\$219,950**  
3BR, 2BA, spacious home with att'd gar, family rm, hwd under carpets, artist studio in back, fireplace. #W42549 Carolyn Dopp 510-223-6700

**BEAUTIFUL VIEW HOME IN THE HILLS.....\$259,000**  
3BR, 2BA w/ master suite, nice SF view, lovely yd, 2 car gar. w/ int. access, mint condition! #W42671 Sarah Lo 510-235-3983

**E.C. HILLS / BAY VIEW!.....\$469,000**  
Contemporary Country Club living! 4BR, 3BA approx. 3000 sq. ft. upstairs, 1000 sq. ft. in-law downstairs, near golf course, 16 yrs. old, atrium entrance, 2 beautiful gardens! #W42418 Sarah Lo 510-235-3983

### ALBANY

**WOW WHAT VALUE!.....\$233,000**  
2BR, 2BA approx. 1,400 sq. ft., large + room w/closet, hwd floors, 1-car attached garage, central heat. #W42599 Kevin Tannahill 525-5172

**CHOICE 4 PLEX ON SOLANO.....\$540,000**  
3, 2BR units, 1 lg. owner's unit, 3BR 2BA OWC 1st, all have enclosed garages, super opportunity for owner / manager situation #W42419 Magary Abbass 707-864-3007

### BERKELEY

**NORTH BERKELEY.....\$329,000**  
4BR, 2BA home in prime location. 4th BR and BA downstairs with separate entrance. Hwd floors, fireplace, needs some updating but solid! Walk to everything! #W42419 Magary Abbass 510-233-7329

### RICHMOND VIEW

**STUNNING CONTEMPORARY TOWNHOUSE.....\$229,950**  
On El Cerrito border. Newer duplex. Both sides 2BR, 1BA, courtyards, 2-car attached garage, fireplaces, new roof, paint, great income potential. #W42229 Geri Stern 510-234-7808

### SALESPERSON OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 1997



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Dian Hymer was named salesperson of the month for October with \$2.9 million in production for the month. Dian has over 20 years of experience selling homes in Oakland, Piedmont and Berkeley. She is a member of the prestigious Coldwell Banker International Elite and is the top-producing agent in the Oakland/Piedmont office.

The Oakland Association of Realtors honored Dian last year for her distinguished service and outstanding leadership given to the real estate profession. She is a nationally syndicated real estate columnist and author of consumer-oriented real estate books. Give Dian a call if you are looking for an outstanding agent to assist you in your next real estate transaction. (510) 835-6221 or 339-1174.



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## Homes

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2027 Yankee Ct. - \$284,500  
SAN LORENZO  
15595 Sharon St. - \$119,000  
17310 Via Chiquita - \$157,500  
1613 Via Lucas - \$187,000  
15900 Via Toledo - \$175,000  
17527 Wickman Pl. - \$121,000

### SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA  
TOTAL SALES: 18  
LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$437,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$275,444  
ALBANY  
TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST PRICE: \$170,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$327,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$227,714  
BERKELEY  
TOTAL SALES: 20  
LOWEST PRICE: \$114,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$550,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$330,925  
EL CERRITO  
TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$189,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$269,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$224,666  
EL SOBRANTE  
TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$131,500  
EMERYVILLE  
TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST PRICE: \$99,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$140,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$113,800  
OAKLAND  
TOTAL SALES: 61  
LOWEST PRICE: \$61,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$700,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$209,352  
PIEDMONT  
TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$330,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,592,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$899,500  
RICHMOND  
TOTAL SALES: 10  
LOWEST PRICE: \$81,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$264,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$144,500  
SAN LEANDRO  
TOTAL SALES: 23  
LOWEST PRICE: \$124,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$347,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$190,521  
SAN LORENZO  
TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST PRICE: \$119,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$187,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$15,000  
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FRUIT VALE AREA, 8 unit building. Cherie Fagrey, 748-1765.

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1600 EXCELSIOR. GLENVIEW Sunny 3BD/1.5BA. Formal Dining, fireplace, hardwood floors, garage, flexible floor plan. Jaya Bhargava 339-4148  
2618 55TH AVE. MAXWELL PARK. Charming 2BD with original wood trim, tastefully remodeled kitchen & bath, 2 car garage. Kate Phillips 436-4100  
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# Getting the dog to go upstairs

Q: My wife and I have a dickens hard time training our dog to go out when nature calls. We currently live in an apartment on the third floor so it is not as simple as it might seem. We would like to use a large yellow bin, fill it with sod, and place it on the balcony so the dog would use it.

Our dilemma is that we do not know how deep the grass roots grow. There is such a container ready-made? Is this feasible or are we wasting our time?

A: This is not a far-fetched idea. Sod, food and water, you can grow grass on asphalt, concrete and in flower bins. Since the dog's activity will cause the sod to deteriorate, you would look to replace it several times a year.

I would purchase a roll of sod, make a layer of pelletized fertilizer and roll the sod out on the balcony. Next frame the sides with heavy stakes, water and trim, and you're done. If you need to raise the height of the sod, spread potting soil underneath.

Q: After battling with the city to get a patch of land near my house rezoned, I'm considering doing myself but there is poison oak growing there. Is there a time of the year when poison oak is less po-

tent? What is the best way to deal with poison oak? I'd rather not use anything too toxic since raccoons and the neighborhood cats roam the area.

A: Spring is the best time of the year to kill poison oak. Use a herbicide called Brush Killer, which affects the plants root system causing the plant to turn brown.

Once the poison oak has turned color cut it off at soil level and remove the brush carefully. If the plants are rooted very deep, you may have to repeat the process.

In the fall you can cut the poison oak at ground level and paint the open wound with Brush Killer. Because you are applying the herbicide to this reduced area, repeated applications will be necessary next year. Once the Brush Killer dries, the area will be safe for the raccoons and cats.

Q: When is the best and what is the best method to get rid of the yellow-flowering clover from my flower beds? It spreads out faster than I can pull it out.

A: The yellow-flowering clover is called oxalis. This clover perpetuates itself with underground stems called rhizomes and by seed.

Getting rid of oxalis takes patience. You can control the dormant seed with the pre-emergent herbicide Amaze. This granular material is applied to the area after all the existing oxalis is removed.

Reapply Amaze every six months of after every color change. In April spot treat the actively growing oxalis with Weed-B-Gon of Cooke Spurge and Oxalis Killer. By controlling the seed and spot treating the growing oxalis, you will win the war of attrition.

Q: I have installed a large raised planter box made from pressure-treated wood. Will the chemicals in the wood harm the plants? I'm planning on planting bougainvilleas. Would it be better to cover the wood with plastic, landscape fabric, or do you have another suggestion?

A: Pressure-treated wood has been used in landscape construction for sometime to slow down



natural wood deterioration. There has not been any contamination problems with edible or ornamental plants that I am aware of.

Personally I see no problems and would not take any additional precautions but if you are still concerned it would not hurt to line the sides with plastic. This will prevent the chemicals from getting into the soil.

Listen to Buzz Bertolero, the Dirt Gardener, Saturdays, 6-8 a.m., on KNBR 68, "The Sports and Gardening Leader." His e-mail address is dirtgarden@aol.com. Visit his web site: www.dirtgarden.com.

# Housing help for seniors available

"Las Bougainvillas," a new senior apartment community, will begin accepting applications on Oct. 27 from individuals and couples aged 62 or older who meet federal very low-income limits.

The facility, located on 37th Avenue in Oakland, will be ready for occupancy in early Feb. 1998. "Las Bougainvillas" features 67 units in a four-story residential building. The facility has been specifically developed to provide low income seniors with comfortable housing in a friendly and accessible community.

All units are one bedroom with full kitchens including electric range, refrigerator and dish washer. The highlights include a dramatic garden courtyard and state-of-the-art entry and emergency call systems. In addition to

on-site management there are plans for regular programs and recreational activities.

Sponsored by the Spanish Speaking Unity Council, the development is being funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Oakland, Citibank/FHLB-AHP and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and is being managed by California Community Housing Management Services (CCH). "Las Bougainvillas" adheres to all Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity laws.

Specific criteria and applications may be obtained by visiting the Las Bougainvillas Application Office located at 1900 Fruitvale Ave., Suite 3B, in Oakland or by calling 535-6100.

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## OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

6150 MAZUELA DR, Nw 6/4, gourmet kit, 2 fam rooms, make offer \$925,000  
Prudential CA Realty, Barbara Hopper 845-0200, 635-4839

6150 MAZUELA DR, Stunning 4/4, 2 fam rms, 3 fp, 2 balconies, vw \$850,000  
Prudential CA Realty, Barbara Hopper 845-0200, 635-4839

6150 PROCTOR AVE, Upr Rockridge, 4/3 w/fab vswl dramatic style \$798,000  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4216

6150 NORTH HILL CT, Mstr 3/2, cul-de-sac, FDR, office, kit/fam rm \$779,000  
Wells & Bennett, Peter & Ellen Nicolopoulos 339-9780

6150 MATTHEU, Uppr Rockridge, 4/3, new, elegant finishes, mstr \$709,000  
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

6150 ASILOMAR, Montclair, Spanish Med w/4-bridge vw, 4/3, deck \$695,000  
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400

6150 BLYWOOD DR, Oakmore, 6bd, 4ba, charm/elegance spa, decks \$679,000  
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460

6150 BROADWAY TER, New, elegant, 4/3 contemp, fine details \$675,000  
Prudential Real Estate 632-1234 SUNDAY 1-3:30

6150 WILDING LN, 4+bd/3 1/2ba, spacious new family home \$640,000  
Prudential CA Realty 845-0211, Nancy Platford 868-9408

6150 FAIRLANE DR, Montclair, 2+bd/2+ba, price reduced! bay vw \$595,000  
Pacific Union, Nancy Moore 339-6460

6150 RUTLAND RD, Montclair, 4bd/2 1/2ba, new, custom, style \$584,000  
Wells & Bennett, Peter & Ellen Nicolopoulos 339-9780

6150 AQUARIUS WY, 4+bd/2 1/2ba, new construction! view! grt price! \$539,000  
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Sunday Peters 898-9423

6150 HARBORD DR, Montclair, 5bd/3ba, new listing! gourmet kit \$499,000  
Prudential Better Homes Realty 339-4000

6150 GUNN DR, New 4+4 trad'l, off Shepherd Canyon, kit/fam rm \$499,000  
Wells & Bennett, Jini Kelley 339-0414

6150 PROCTOR, Upr Rockridge, trad'l charm, 2 + 2 poss.bdrms, 2ba, \$485,000  
Prudential CA Realty, Barbara Hopper 845-0200, 635-4839

6150 RINCON, Montclair, 5+bd/3 1/2ba, aupair, FDR, partial bay vw \$479,000  
Pacific Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174

6150 BELLWAVER WAY, Hillcrest, 4bd/2 1/2ba, family rm, more, WoWi \$475,000  
Prudential Better Homes Realty 339-4000

6150 SKYLINE BL, Montclair, 1st open! 4bd/3+ba w/pano views! \$469,000  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

6150 OAKWOOD, Montclair, charming craftsman, 3bd/2 1/2ba \$449,000  
Pacific Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174

6150 TRESTATE GLEN, Price reduced! lovely 3bd/2ba on double lot \$439,000  
Wells & Bennett, Abby 748-5300 SUNDAY 1:30-4

6150 VIEWCREST DR, 3bd/2+ba, SF/GG vws, 2 fpl, 3-car garage \$425,000  
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

6150 CHABOT RD, Rockridge, 4bd/2ba \$425,000  
Prudential CA Realty, Graham Carter 845-0200 SATURDAY & SUNDAY 2-4

6150 HARBORD, Uppr Rockridge 3/2 spacious Mediterranean \$425,000  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Mark Ross 869-4256

6150 CHABOT CREST, 3bd/3ba English Tudor, move in condition \$409,000  
Prudential CA Realty 845-0211, Perrett Nieser 644-5403

6150 SKYLINE CIR, Bayview on Oakland Hills, 3 & 4bds w/2 1/2ba \$399,000  
Prudential CA Realty, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122

6150 GOLDEN GATE, Rockridge, updt'd 20's Med, chefs kit, patios \$399,000  
The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400

6150 ELYSIAN FIELDS, Sequoyah Highlands, new listing! 4+3/4 \$399,000  
Wells & Bennett, Peter & Ellen Nicolopoulos 339-9780

6150 PINEHAVEN RD, Montclair, 5bd/2 1/2ba, FDR, office w/sep entry \$389,500  
Wells & Bennett, Peter & Ellen Nicolopoulos 339-9780

6150 STONERIDGE CT, Ridgemont, 4bd/3ba, bay & canyon vistas \$379,000  
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

6150 BRUNELL, 5/3, rumpus, wet bar, partial bay vw, nds TLC \$379,000  
Pacific Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174

6150 KEYEY, New listing! Upr Rockridge bay vw home, gardens \$375,000  
Prudential CA Realty, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122

6150 CASTLE DR, P.Pines, 4bd/3ba, lg fam rm, charm & location! \$369,000  
Wells & Bennett, Peter & Ellen Nicolopoulos 339-9780

6150 RIDGEWOOD DR, Nfity new in Montclair, 4/3, deck, lg yard \$359,800  
Pacific Banker, Del M. Orr 339-1174

6150 BRUNELL DR, Oakland Hills, 4bd/3ba, best bay vw value! \$359,000  
Pacific Union, Jeffrey Himmel 339-6460

6150 NORTH VALE RD, Crocker Highlands, 2 story, FDR, remod kit \$329,000  
Pacific Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174

6150 BULLARD, Montclair, custom 3bd/3ba ranch home \$329,000  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

5331 LAWTON, New listing! Rockridge duplex, 2-2bd units, must see \$325,000  
Wells & Bennett, Beth DeAtley 658-5855

4451 VIEW PL, Rockridge, corner Pleasant Valley & Montgomery. Starting \$200,000's  
GRAND OPENING! 9 new luxury 3 & 4bdrms homes. 547-1051  
OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY 2-5

10 AZALEA LN, Montclair, 3/2 private contemporary, cul-de-sac \$299,500  
Cornish & Carey/LaSalle Properties, Hal Castle 339-9778

5324 LAWTON AVE, Rockridge, charming trad'l, 3/2, hwdws, deck \$299,000  
The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400

2901 CARLSEN, Fairview 3bd/2 1/2ba, deep lot, nice neighborhood \$299,000  
Coldwell Banker, Rachel Bialer 339-1174

6869 OAKWOOD, Montclair, 3bd/3b contemp w/sep. aupair quarters \$285,000  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Sharon Ho 869-4220

6615 CHELTON DR, Montclair, 2+2+1b den, mstr, canyon vw, decks \$285,000  
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

425 ELWOOD AVE, Grand Lake, 3bd/2ba, new listing! enclosed yd \$275,000  
Pacific Union, Carolyn Jones 339-6460

3777 CANON AVE, Glenview, 3bd/2ba, new listing! immac/private \$259,000  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239

5815 NOTTINGHAM, Montclair, 2bd/2ba, new listing! sunny yd \$259,000  
Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460

5638 THORNHILL, Montclair, 4bd/3ba, family room, space & value! \$259,000  
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

3483 MONTEREY BL, Redwood Hts 3bd/3b w/in-law unit, 2100+ sf \$254,500  
Gadsby & Associates, Joe 748-5300 SUNDAY 1:30-4

3409 GUIDO, Redwood Hts 3bd/1ba, charming Med, FDR, level yd \$239,000  
Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460

3000 HYDE, 1st Open! elegant & stylish 3+bd/2 1/2ba, creekside! \$239,000  
Templeton Company 652-2133, Leslie X134/Jeff X150 SUNDAY 2-4

3829 WHITTLE AVE, Motivated Seller! great house + extra space \$219,000  
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Marlene Daniels Bottano 652-0624

240 CALDECOTT LN #110, Parkwoods, 2bd/1+1b, 2 pkg space \$207,500  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Jim Resor 869-4243

4680 DAVENPORT, Redwood Hts, 2bd/1+1b, pano bay vw, private yd \$205,000  
Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460

2979 CALIFORNIA, New listing! 2bd/1ba, updated, large kitchen \$205,000  
Prudential CA Realty 834-2010, John Bell 839-3438

2520 ALIDA, Lincoln Hts, charming 2bd, refin hwdws, fpl, gar, yd \$198,000  
Wells & Bennett, Carol Robbiano 531-7000 X292

1600 EXCELSIOR, Glenview, sunny 3bd/1 1/2ba, FDR, hwdws, garage \$195,000  
Wells & Bennett, Jaya Bhimani 482-0860

2324 LAKESHORE #3, Large 2bd/2ba condo w/view of Lake Merritt \$189,000  
Coldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174

1716 E.38th ST, Glenview, pristine 2bd/1 1/2ba, fab price! \$185,000  
Prudential CA Realty 834-2010, Heidi Tuggle 531-4554

5335 BROADWAY TER, Upr Rockridge, 2bd/2ba, location/location! \$179,000  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

3124 ARIZONA, Laurel district, 3bd/1ba fixer \$169,000  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

6155 SEMINARY, Millmont, 2 units, hwdws, fpl, gd for owner occ. \$160,000  
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

3574 DIMOND AVE, Fruitvale district, sunny 2bd/1ba, charm & \$148,000  
location. Large yard. Carolyn Gee Realty 530-1600

2618 55th AVE, Maxwell Pk, charming 2bd, remod kit/2a, 2-car gar \$139,900  
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 436-4100

2932 FILBERT ST #6, 1bd loft, newer 6 units, live/work \$139,000  
Prudential CA Realty 845-0211, Nancy Hoover 849-5338

5417 RUTH AVE, 2+bd/1ba, pretty tudor, formal dining room, garage \$129,900  
Martino Real Estate 523-9300 SUNDAY 2-4

8611 MOUNTAIN BL, 2bd/2ba, clean & airy, spacious, move in! \$122,000  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Dollie Hansen 466-5781

ALAMEDA Open Sunday  
470F Cola Ballena, Ballena Bay, beaut. 3 level condo, pool, decks \$259,500  
Prudential CA Realty 834-2010, Deborah Kravetz 466-5632 SUNDAY 2-4:30

ALBANY Open Sunday  
710 EVELYN, Reduced! 4bd/2ba Med style. Great opportunity \$339,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X104 SUNDAY 2-4

701 JACKSON, Albany 3+bd/2ba \$288,800  
Coldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4

919 KEY ROUTE BLVD, Sunny, central location! 3 1/1, nice yard \$256,000  
Cornish & Carey/LaSalle Properties, Nick Lavrov 525-2727 SUNDAY 1-4

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm  
111 GRAVATT DR, Unique view home, 3/3 1/2, great terrace w/spa \$825,000  
Prudential CA Realty 845-0211, Miriam Wilson 898-9411

26 EL CAMINO REAL, 1921 Colonial, sunrm, bay vw, 4/3, nr shops \$677,000  
Templeton Company, Paul Templeton 652-2133 X131 SUNDAY 2-4

951 ALVARADO, Claremont Hills, 3/2 w/multi-media room \$569,000  
Templeton Company, Paul Templeton 652-2133 X131 SUNDAY 2-4

573 SANTA ROSA AVE, 3+2+2 gorgeous Tudor bay vw, office, yd \$485,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X117

2738 PRINCE, Elmwood 4/2 Brown Shingle, walk College/Claremont \$449,000  
Prudential CA Realty, Richard Matus 834-2010

3058 BENVENUE, Restored, heart of Elmwood, 3/1, charm, rare find! \$359,000  
Berkeley Hills Realty, Nancy Mueller 524-9888 X20 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1561 BEVERLY PL, 3/1 sunny bungalow, garage w/interior access \$319,000  
Berkeley Hills Realty, Joan Brunswick 524-9888 X12 SUNDAY 2-4

91 AVENIDA DR, Reduced! Peaceful 3 1/1 Berk Hills traditional \$265,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 SUNDAY 2-4

1421 BLAKE ST, 2 1/1 split level bungalow, charm, fpl, fruit trees, gar \$180,500  
Prudential CA Realty, Barbara Hopper 845-0200, 635-4839

2535 RIDGE RD, Clean cozy condo, quality 1/1, frpl, nw kit/ba/cpt \$129,000  
Berkeley Hills Realty, Dan Dullaghan 558-9090 SUNDAY 2-4

1504 TYLER ST, 2bd/1ba charming cottage, eat-in-kitchen \$125,000  
Prudential CA Realty 845-0211, Nancy Taussig 849-5316

EL CERRITO Open Sunday  
651 NORVELL, 3bd/2ba sparkler, come see! \$278,117  
Cornish & Carey/LaSalle Properties, Nick Lavrov 525-2727 SUNDAY 2-4:30

7930 TERRACE, EC Hills, 2bd w/fab view office/den, hwdws, wkshop \$239,000  
Marvin Gardens 527-9111, Mary Gray 466-5843 SUNDAY 2-4

7117 MANILA, Bright & sunny 3bd/1ba, lg lot w/fruit trees \$219,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X127 SUNDAY 2-4

853 ELM, Gardener's paradise! 2bd, hwdws, huge lot zoned R-2, gar \$209,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X107 SUNDAY 2-4:30

1617 ELM, Charming & sunny 3bd/1ba with garage & yard \$189,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X116 SUNDAY 2-4

1727 LEXINGTON, 2bd, remod bath, hwdws, deck, frpl, det'd garage \$153,000  
Security Pacific, John Anderson 237-8842 SUNDAY 1-4

6509 STOCKTON, Best Buy! 2bd/1ba w/frpl, yd, garage, Nds TLC \$149,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X116 SUNDAY 2-4

HAYWARD Open Sunday  
2455 ST. HELENA #3, 1/1 condo beauty! gourm. kit, gdn window, fpl \$113,000  
Wells & Bennett, Pat Buhler 531-7000 X238 OPEN SUNDAY 1-1:30

KENSINGTON Open Sunday  
12 SUNSET, Cape Cod, 3bd/2ba, charm, divine mstr suite, deep lot \$469,000  
Berkeley Hills Realty, Nancy Mueller 524-9888 X20 SUNDAY 2-4

239 TRINITY, Kensington, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath \$299,000  
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm  
207 ESTATES DR, 5/3+ tudor, custom kit, rec room, gardens \$1,090,000  
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460

151 MAXWELLTON, 3bd/2 1/2ba new Italian Mediterranean villa \$889,000  
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Mary Ruth Armstrong 869-4206

27 KING AVE, European styling, 3/2, aupair suite, off street entry \$850,000  
Coldwell Banker, Phyllis Milenbach/Kay Grubb 339-1174

911 MORAGA AVE, Millhouse replica, dbl lot, "great" rm, guest hs \$749,000  
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400

265 SANDRINGHAM RD, 4+bd/2 1/2ba, dramatic contemp, FDR, yd \$735,000  
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400

1558 OAKLAND AVE, 3bd/2 1/2ba, secluded, view! \$575,000  
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Caroline Peters 547-1722

4 GREENBANK, 3bd/2+ba craftsman shingle, lovely yard \$449,000  
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Carole Berge 644-5499 SUNDAY 2-4

RICHMOND Open Sunday  
5616 MARIN AVE, R-view, reduced! 2300sf, 4b/3ba, fam rm, 2 frpls \$229,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X116 SUNDAY 2-4

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## Goings

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### GAIA Bookstore and Community Center

Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.; Avram Davis, *Meditations from the heart of Judaism*.

Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.; Judith Cornell, *Drawing from the Light Within*.

Dec. 6, 8:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.; Gaia Ashkenaz Holiday Dance Party. Featuring the Earth-Gaia Players. Tickets are \$10 adv/\$13 door. Charge by phone at 548-4178, x15.

Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m.; Robin Lysne, *Holiday Rituals from Sacred Living*.

Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.; Jane Hirschfield, *The Lives of the Heart & Nine Gates: Entering the Mind of Poetry*; Robert Hass, *Sun Under Wood*.

Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.; Carol Christ, *Rebirth of the Goddess*.

Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. Starhawk & M. Macha Nightmarer, *The Pagan Book of Living and Dying*.

1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA.

### M.C. Newburn Books

Dec. 11, 7 p.m., Ray Peters, *The Lafitte Case*; C.E. Poverman, *On the Edge*.

950 San Pablo Ave. Albany. 524-1370.

### Meetings

#### Dec. 6

**Public Meeting to Discuss End-of-Life Options**; 2:30 p.m.; a panel discussion regarding the status for reintroducing right-to-die legislation; Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1606 Bonita Ave. 845-5037 or 222-7214 for more information.

**Daughters of the American Revolution Luncheon**; The Berkeley Hills Chapter of the DAR will meet at the home of our regent, Ann Sharp will speak on Genealogy. Luncheon will be served at noon. Also, Lucretia Prentiss, pianist will play Frederic Chopin's Nocturne in "E" Minor, opus 72. Lunch is \$8 per person. For details call 525-8654.

#### Ongoing

**Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program**; 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. every Wednesday; B.O.R.P. welcomes new members to its Older Adults Program, people with disabilities who are 40 years or older join with others for social activities, fitness, excursions and fun; South Berkeley Senior Center; call Meg Stenger, 849-4663, to sign up (nominal membership fee).

**McGee Avenue Toastmasters Club**; 7 p.m.; every second and fourth Monday of the month; talking to yourself? McGee Toastmasters is the friendly club dedicated to improving speaking skills and building confidence; Social hall of McGee Avenue Church, 1640 Stuart St., Berkeley; James Ella James, 548-5399 for more information.

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics**; 7:30 p.m.; the group meets each first and third Thursday of the month; The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics seek to affirm and to integrate sexuality and spirituality in the Christian faith through the Catholic tradition; Newman Hall, 2700 Dwight Way at College Avenue, Berkeley; Wendy, 849-3910 or Antonio at 841-7718.

**Greater San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Alzheimer's Association**; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; second Saturday of each month; offering help, information and support to families and/or caregivers of a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease through their support group program; St. Paul's AME Church, 2024 Ashby Ave., Berkeley; (415) 962-8111.

**Toastmasters on Campus**; 6:15 p.m.; practice public speaking in a supportive environment; every Tuesday; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; Odette Larde, 643-7645 (w) or Al Mangin 970-4355 (w).

**TOPS**; 7:15 - 8:30; Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening; First Baptist Church, Richmond, Solano below Arlington; Betty Coates, 235-0490 for more information.

**TOPS**; 9:30 a.m. weigh in; 10:30 a.m. meeting; Albany Chapter, meets Monday mornings; 980 Stannage Ave., Albany; 528-9056 (Paul).

**Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters**; 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.; public speaking skills and metaphysics come together; ongoing meetings first and third Thursdays; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; 848-6510.

### Music

#### Dec. 5

**Advent Music**; 11:15 a.m.; Veni Emmanuel, a program of organ music for Advent. Simon Berry organist. At St. David of Wales Catholic Church, Sonoma Street and Esmond Ave, Richmond; 233-4725.

#### Dec. 6

**Music and Dance of Bali**; 8 p.m.; Gamelan Sekar Jaya, the Bay Area's renowned gamelan orchestra, will present a concert of music and dance from Bali at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets will be available at the door on the evening of the concert, or in advance through City Box Office, (415) 392-4400 and at all BASS ticket centers. For more information call 237-6849.

**Christmas concert and dance**; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Festive Dinner, 8 p.m. Concert begins. Dance until midnight. The Richmond Choir presents Christmas Concert and Dance. Karl Leberber Club performing. At the Sportsmen's Club, 5220 Glenn Ave., San Pablo. Call Marie Hoffmann at 372-6665. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

#### Dec. 7

**Sacred & Profane**; 4 p.m.; 20th anniversary; a chamber chorus. Li Wen Monk, Artistic Director presents Of a Rose Singe We. The Holiday Concert Series at St. John's Presbyterian Church 2727 College Ave. Berkeley. 524-3611, for ticket and concert info. Tickets are \$14 general at the door or \$12 in advance by mail. Seniors and students are \$11 or \$9. Make check payable to Sacred & Profane and send to: 3005 Santa Clara Ave, Alameda, CA 94501. Tickets held at the door or mailed if SASE included.

**Maybeck Studios**; 4 p.m.; Julian

White, A Berkeley Legend will perform a remarkable pianist's classical program. At Maybeck Studio for the Performing Arts, 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 848-3228. To reserve a seat, send a check for full admission price to Maybeck Studios and tickets will be held at the door; \$25.

**The Community Women's Orchestra**; 4 p.m.; thirteenth season fall concert featuring Nan Washburn, guest conductor and Lucy Hudson on the harpsichord. Performing works by Wilhelmine von Bayreuth, Antonin Dvorak, Alice Gomez and Alberto Ginastera; Le Conte School, 2241 Russell, Berkeley. 526-5482. Suggested Donation \$5.

**Albany Community Orchestra**; 2 p.m.; a free public concert in the Albany Community Center. Featured soloists will be Janet Small, violin and soprano Teresa Colyer. At 1249 Marin Ave. in Albany.

**Cal Performances**; 3 p.m.; clarinetist Richard Stoltzman and Soprano Lisa Saffer, with pianist Jeremy Denk perform Shepherd on the Rock by Franz Schubert and George Gershwin's Three Preludes. At Hertz Hall, UC-Berkeley Campus. Call 642-0212 for more info.

#### Dec. 10

**Cal Performances**; 8 p.m.; opera star Jennifer Lamore, in recital at Zellerbach Hall. American Mezzo-Soprano's program features work by 15 composers, including music from Jake Heggie, a Bay area composer. Call 642-0212 for more info.

**Berkeley High Concert Orchestra**; 7:30 p.m.; Winter Concert at the Florence Schwimley Little Theater, Berkeley High School.

#### Ongoing

The Berkeley Symphony Orchestra announces call for scores for Under Construction — Reading session of new orchestral scores in Spring of 1998. Scores must not have a prior performance by professionals. No more than 10 minutes, preferred a limited number of parts. Any soloists provided by composer. Send scores to: Under Construction, Attn: Mu'Frida Bell, Berkeley Symphony Orchestra 2322 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley. Include a brief resume and performance status of piece; deadline Dec. 15.

#### Ashkenaz

Dec. 4, 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.; Greatful Dead DJ Night with Digital Dave & Jazz Z.D.; \$4

Dec. 5, 9:30 p.m.; Critical Youth Night; \$10

Dec. 6, 9:30 p.m.; GAIA - Ashkenaz Holiday Dance Party; \$13

Dec. 9, 7:30 - 8 p.m.; intro dance lesson; 8 - 9 p.m. intermediate lesson; 9 p.m. Salsa Dance Party; \$8

Dec. 10, 8 p.m.; dance lesson with Nick and Shanna; 9 p.m. Mark Hummel & The Blues Survivors; \$8

Dec. 11, 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.; Grateful Dead Night with David Gans & The Broken Angels; \$4

1317 San Pablo, Berkeley; 525-5054 Blake's

Dec. 4; House Techno DJ Dance Music — 18 and over; \$5

Dec. 5; Dec. 6; Dec. 7; Dec. 8; Steve Gannon and the Monday Blues Jam; \$3

Dec. 9; The Groove Junkies; Funk/Jazz/Hip-Hop; 18 and over.

Dec. 10; Atomic Wednesdays - High NRG Techno/House Hits; \$4

Dec. 11; House Techno DJ Dance Music — 18 and over

52367 Telegraph Ave.; 848-0886 Hertz Hall Concerts

Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.; 17th Annual Messiah Sing, David Milnes conducting, with students and guest soloists, University Symphony Orchestra members, and a participating audience in this popular annual benefit. Bring a score. \$10 donation. At Hertz Hall, UCB campus. For tickets call 642-9988, or email: tickets@calperfs.berkeley.edu, fax: 643-2359. No service charge if purchased in person M-F, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Zellerbach Hall.

101 Zellerbach Hall, UC-Berkeley campus; 642-9988 for tickets

**Starry Plough, Restaurant & Pub**

Dec. 4, 9:30 p.m.; Ramona The Pest, Martha Colburn's Super 8 Films; \$4

Dec. 5, 9:45 p.m.; Eskimo, Mumble & Peg. Ninewood; \$5

Dec. 6, 9:45 p.m.; The Natives, Shelley Doty, X-Tet; \$6

Dec. 11, 9:30 p.m.; Deep Space Posse; \$7

3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 841-2082

**Outdoors**

Dec. 6

**University Avenue Gardeners**; 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.; meet to spruce up the medians in University Ave. Each week work on a different block. The city sponsors the event, which happens the first Sat. and third Sun. of each month. Bring gloves and tools or the city will provide. 849-2103.

Dec. 11

**Snowcamping 101**; 7 p.m.; Chuck Collingwood of the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club will kick off the 29th training season of the Snowcamping Section with a slide lecture on the essentials for surviving an overnight in the snow; both lectures at Recreational Equipment Inc., 1338 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley, CA 94702; 527-4140.

**Ongoing**

**Berkeley Hiking Club**

Dec. 7, 9:00 a.m. departure, Mini Hike — Diablo Hills Regional park, Leaders Paul and Hella 283-5090. Reconvene at parking area at end of Castle Rock Rd. in Walnut Creek at 9:45. 5 miles along Pine Canyon. Rain cancels.

Dec. 7, 8:30 a.m. departure, Contra Costa Conundrum, Leaders Joe and Betty Goldstein 934-0458. Reconvene at Walnut Creek BART. 7-8 miles on trails on leaders' choice. Rain will shorten hike.

**Religion**

Dec. 5 & 6

2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley

**Nativity Scenes**; St. Clement's Episcopal Church, exhibits over 200 creches from 45 countries. Nativity Scenes with miniatures less than 2 inches tall to large creches with foot high sculptures. 2837 Claremont Blvd., Berkeley. 843-2678. Open to the Public for a suggested donation of \$15. Refreshments served. Donations are \$8 on Saturday.

#### Dec. 7

**Agape Baptist Church**; 10 a.m.; Dr. John Ojewole will continue a series on "The Key to Prosperity: Separating Facts From Falsehood — the Reality of Prosperity"; Sunday school and child care available; 1249 Marin Ave., Albany; 233-8867.

**Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Center**; Noon - 4 p.m.; Over 1000 people expected to attend one of the East Bay's largest Chanukah events, free admission. Highlights include: Music, Latkes, Story telling, Candle lighting, Craft making for children and adults, gift bags for kids and door prizes. Judaica items and food available for purchase; 1414 Walnut St. at Rose in Berkeley; 848-0237.

**Christian Science Service**; 10 a.m.; Sunday School for young people and readings from the Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy on the sermon "God the Only Cause and Creator"; Second Church of Christ, Scientist, 1521 Spruce St., Berkeley; 848-2047.

**Epworth United Methodist Church**; 3 p.m.; A service of lessons and Carols, including selections from Handel's Messiah, all participants may sing and scores will be available; 1953 Hopkins St.; 524-2921.

**St. Alban's Episcopal Church**; 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; The Reverend Laurie Willis to preach. The monthly Potluck breakfast to be held at 9 a.m.; 1501 Washington St. (at Curtis) Albany. 525-1716.

#### Dec. 11

**Presbyterian Women in St. John's Presbyterian Church**; 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.; featuring Mary Bucher, soprano and Naomi Gordon, piano with selections including Christmas music and carols; 2727 College Ave., Berkeley; reservations 527-3052 or 848-1340.

#### Ongoing

**Ahavat Yisreal**; 8:45; Torah class; 9:15 a.m.; weekly Shabbat services; a new traditional synagogue in Berkeley, also special and holiday events; Masonic Hall, 897 Colusa Ave; 273-9003.

**Midweek Bible Study/Prayer Meeting**; 7 p.m.; every Friday; Agape Baptist Church; everyone is welcome, feel free to call Prayer Team for prayer requests, concerns shall be treated with confidence and you shall be prayed for; 233-8867.

### Theater/Dance/Film

#### Dec. 5

**Impact Theatre**; 8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 20; a Festival of Ten Minute Plays written and directed by: Impact Company Members & Company Associates. At the Speakeasy Theatre 2016 7th St. At University in Berkeley. Tickets are \$5 for students and TBA Members, \$10 general. 464-4468 for reservations and information.

**Walking Each Other Home: The Color of Fear**; 2:30 p.m.; A special preview of a brand new film; Color of Fear (The first won "Best Social Studies Documentary," 1995. To be held at the Zellerbach Theatre, Berkeley, for more information call Dawn Tso at 419-3930.

#### Dec. 7

**Fiesta Navidad**; 3 p.m.; A fete of music, dance and colorful theatrics; Mexico's December Festivals come alive at Cal Performances featuring Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano and Ballet Folklórico Ollin at Zellerbach Hall, #4800 UC Berkeley, 642-0212.

**Baroque Dance Party**; 5 p.m.; Learn to dance the Gavotte and more with Carol Teten at MusicSources. For all ages. Following the program will be a reception and an opportunity to explore MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley, 528-1685. Admission is \$18 General and \$15 for members, students and seniors.

#### Ongoing

**"I Can't Cope"**; through Dec. 14; Sean Vaughn Scott's musical comedy/drama about the "Black Experience"; Black Repertory Group, 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley; 652-2120; \$12 general admission.

### Pacific Film Archive

Film and video programs

Dec. 4; Mir Mortals: Out of the Present, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 5; Welcome, Sordi: Alberto Sordi in person; The Scientific Cardplayer, 7 p.m.

Dec. 6; Kabuki Theater in Japanese Cinema: An Actor's Revenge, 7 p.m.,

Tojuro's Love, 8:55 p.m.

Dec. 7; Welcome, Sordi: The Traffic Policeman, 5:30 p.m., An Average Little Man, 7:25 p.m.

Dec. 8; Love/Hate: Robert Mitchum: Cape Fear, 7 and 9 p.m.

Dec. 9; Love/Hate: Robert Mitchum: Out of the Past, 7 p.m., The Lusty Men, 8:50 p.m.

Dec. 10; Shooting Stars: Celebrity Substitutes, 7:30 p.m., Sam Green in Person, and Citizen Tania with the short The Horror, 9:15 p.m.

Dec. 11; Love/hate Robert Mitchum: The night of the Hunter, 7 p.m., Thunder Road, 8:45 p.m.

2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley

## Folk

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Berkeley side. The men thought the idea of Albany and Berkeley sites being next to each other would be wonderful — if all of the problems could be worked out.

And, of course, there is a problem about what will happen to some of the housing if, in making Dowling work, they have to take some of the housing property.

These and other very serious

questions haunt the people of the Little League. Plus the fact that this is the 42nd year on the present field, and that is hard to give up. Plus — and a very big plus — there is absolutely no possible area in any other part of our little 1-1/2 square mile city for such playing fields.

We have no answers. But we agree that the people of Albany should know of the dilemma facing the kids of Little League.

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Thank you, Rex H... for calling me about... remember my column... and his "I'll Be... Honey," band. That... playing, and still fun!

And I invite all of your ideas: interesting events, organizations, write to me at 555 Pine Albany, CA 94706 or My email is cgreen@...

## Watch

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the entirety of this great forum was videotaped and I will find out how copies of the tape can be made available — if you are interested in some candid student observations on how public education in West County is doing and some creative responses to current problems, it should be

good viewing.

### School-based Health Center at El Cerrito High

Interested parents, teachers, students, and community members are invited to discuss the possibilities for a School Based Health Center at El Cerrito High School on Tuesday,

December 9 at 7 p.m. For more information, Rader at 525-0234.

Want to receive "School Watch" and other WCCUSD related alerts delivered to your dress? Send the message WCCSW" to pak@...

## Chamber

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of the year a "big success." By hosting the Nov. 20 event, Dr. Roger Tsusumoto and Dr. Dave Cruz gave members of the business community an opportunity to meet them and to tour their newly-opened offices here.

### Arts and crafts at Plaza

Members of the El Sobrante Art Guild, a group who drew high-raise at the El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce's Second Annual October Fiesta, will be offering their arts and crafts for sale at El Cerrito

Plaza throughout the holiday season.

The group has set up Christmas Store, in Goldman's Store, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Saturday.

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